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## Biton brings oral message from Arafat

By MENACHEM SHALEV / Jerusalem Post Reporter  
MK Charlie Biton (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality), undaunted by the nearly unanimous derision and scepticism which have been heaped on his meetings this week in Geneva with Yasser Arafat, arrived home last night with what he called a "radical and revolutionary" message from the PLO chairman to the prime minister and foreign minister.

Biton said he had a three-point oral message from Arafat "which could serve as a basis for future negotiations."

The Jerusalem weekly Kol Ha'ir reports this morning, in a dispatch from Geneva, that Arafat's three conditions for negotiations with Israel include: a mutual cessation of hostilities, a freeze on all settlement activity during the course of negotiations and mutual recognition between Israel and the PLO.

Biton himself refused to confirm or deny the report last night. He also backtracked from reports that Arafat had agreed to bypass the international conference, saying that "Arafat is talking about direct and open negotiations with Israel within the framework of an international conference."

Biton said that he had asked Arafat to send the message. The DFPE delegates who returned last night were not handed police summonses to appear for questioning. But sources in the Justice Ministry said last night that Attorney-General Yosef Harish has yet to decide whether to prosecute the MKs who participated in the Monday night meeting with Arafat, although he has authorized the police to call them in.

The sources said that Harish "is not inclined to view their parliamenta-

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ry immunity as absolute. Aides to the prime minister have said in recent days that "every effort should be made" to launch criminal proceedings against the MKs.

Immediately after arriving home in Jerusalem, Biton asked aides to the prime minister and foreign minister to arrange meetings at which to deliver Arafat's message. A spokesman for Prime Minister Shamir said yesterday that Shamir would decide whether to see Biton after Biton had asked for the meeting. The spokesman added that if Biton claims to

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## Iraqi planes pound Iran as UN chief leaves for Gulf on peace mission

The Gulf war flared savagely yesterday and anti-Khomeini militants attacked Iranian government buildings throughout Europe on the eve of a new UN peace mission to the region.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said before his scheduled departure from New York that he was hopeful his mission would bear fruit.

But even as he spoke, Iraq announced it had pounded Iran from the air for the second straight day and vowed to continue attacking until Tehran observed a UN ceasefire call. Iran reported at least 61 civilians killed or wounded in the raids.

Iraqi jets yesterday evening attacked a large maritime target - Baghdad's usual term for an oil tanker - near Iran's Kharg Island terminal in the northeastern Gulf. An Iraqi military spokesman said the attack, which was not immediately confirmed by independent shipping sources in the region, was the 18th announced by Baghdad

since Iraq resumed raids on Gulf shipping August 29.

Iranian leftists opposed to the Ayatollah Khomeini attacked the Iranian Embassy in Oslo and Iranian airline offices in Paris and Frankfurt.

The militants in the Norwegian capital wounded the charge d'affaires and took seven hostages before surrendering. In France and West Germany they wrecked the offices of Iran Air. (See story, page 3.)

Perez de Cuellar, due to arrive in Baghdad today before going on to Tehran, told reporters in New York: "If I believe what I have heard from the parties, I should be hopeful. Both parties have promised me that they will discuss the implementation of the (ceasefire) resolution."

When the Security Council authorized him to visit Iran and Iraq in an effort to end the war, it asked both countries to stop fighting while he was in the war zone.

Iran said it would show self-restraint. But Iraq yesterday sent its planes into the air again and vowed

to keep on attacking "until Iran understands that it has no other choice but to accept peace, according to UN Security Council Resolution 598 ordering a ceasefire in the Gulf war."

The Iraqi war communique said its aircraft raided two Iranian communications centres, a radio station, two power plants, and a cement and a sugar factory and that all planes returned safely to their bases.

Iraqi warplanes also struck deep into Iran on Wednesday in what Baghdad said was retaliation for Iranian missile attacks last week against Kuwait, half of whose tankers are under the protection of a U.S. Navy armada.

Tehran responded to the Iraqi attacks yesterday with a gunboat strike on a Cypriot supertanker in the Gulf, as well as artillery attacks on the border town of Sulaymaniyah in northern Iraq and on the port city of Basra in the south.

Residents of Basra said they were under some of the worst shelling of (Continued on Page 18)

## Nissim hears U.S. offers

By DAVID MAKOVSKY

Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. - Finance Minister Moshe Nissim concluded two days of talks here with senior Reagan administration officials, with discussions centring on the progress of Israel's economic reforms and the U.S.'s pledges to help Israel deal with the unemployment that will result from the cabinet's decision to cancel the Lavi. Nissim held talks with Secretary of State George Shultz and Treasury Secretary James Baker.

In a letter from Shultz that was delivered late yesterday to Nissim, Shultz pledged that the U.S. "will do everything we can within our budget constraints to help Israel deal with the economic dislocations caused by the Lavi cancellation."

The letter contained a U.S. commitment made this week to maintain the level of "offsetting" funds - which allow Israel to do subcontracting work in return for military procurement in the U.S. - at \$150 million per annum for the last two fiscal years of the Reagan administration.

Nissim said the offsetting programme, which was scheduled to be cancelled for reasons unrelated to Israel, assured employment for 3,000 Israeli workers.

Other U.S. concessions, including offering co-production of the F-16C, (Continued on Page 18)



Paramedics give aid to victims of the bus crash in Jerusalem yesterday. (Rahamin Israeli)

## Move to end stand-off on Sabbath films

By ANDY COURT

For The Jerusalem Post  
An unusual alliance of young Labour Party and National Religious Party activists announced last night that the major players in the conflict over Shabbat movies in the capital have agreed to try to resolve their differences at a round table meeting sometime next week.

Leading rabbis of the ultra-Orthodox community, the two chief rabbis, MK Dedi Zucker (Citizens Rights Movement) and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek have agreed in principle to meet on the issue, according to Ephraim Zinger, secretary of the Labour Party's "young guard" and Nahum Langentan, chairman of the NRP "young generation."

But they warned that the behaviour of secular and religious activists this weekend could determine the fate of the projected meeting. While the young party activists have taken the first step towards dissipating tension in the city, they did not succeed in getting secular and religious activists to cancel their plans for this weekend.

Movies are to be shown in five locations tonight and ultra-Orthodox Jews intend to show their disapproval tomorrow morning by praying in the streets of the capital at more than 30 different locations. (Continued on Page 18)

## Wage talks back to square one

By AVI TEMKIN

Post Economic Reporter  
No progress was made yesterday in the deadlocked Histadrut-Treasury talks on a new collective wage agreement for the public sector. With both sides returning to the starting point of the talks, the Histadrut negotiators said there would be no breakthrough before the return of Finance Minister Moshe Nissim from the U.S. next week.

The Treasury's chief negotiator, Hillel Dudai, met yesterday with the Histadrut's trade union department head Haim Haberfeld in an attempt to bridge the gap between the sides. But after two hours they agreed there was no point in going on, and decided to meet again today, after holding separate consultations.

Dudai repeated that the Treasury was willing to shorten the work week and to grant an average increase of 5 per cent to public sector workers. But Haberfeld said such a formula was not acceptable to the public service unions.

## Two die in skidding bus on main Jerusalem road

By ANDY COURT

For The Jerusalem Post

A five-year-old girl and a 20-year-old soldier were killed and 18 other people were injured yesterday when a bus skidded on a curving road in north Jerusalem and collided with a truck that was parked at the side of the road.

Two of the 18 injured were badly hurt, one in the head and one in the legs. Six others sustained medium injuries, and the rest were treated for light injuries and released from Hadassah-Mt. Scopus and Shaare Zedek Hospitals.

Police said that the apparent cause of the accident was soapy water which had been sloshed onto the road from a nearby shop or restaurant and had made the surface slippery. Police were not prepared to say whether the bus was speeding. The two persons killed were Benjamin Levy, 20, of Jerusalem, a sergeant in the regular army, and Yifat Ben-Ami, 5, of Neveh Ur in the Beit She'an Valley.

At about 8:30 a.m., the 963 bus to Kiryat Shmona, which was travelling along Yirmiyahu Street several

hundred metres from the Central Bus Station, hit a large flat-bed truck, which was dragged into a municipal garbage truck, which in turn crushed a Fiat that was parked nearby.

The rear right side of the bus was crushed, and a number of passengers were trapped inside. "I woke up and there was a mess all around me - blood and seats and everything broken," said Tanya Kaczynski, 22, of Jerusalem, who was on her way to Tiberias for a vacation.

Avi Weiss, one of the first to arrive on the scene, said he started to carry out people who were stuck inside the bloody tangle of bodies, seats and metal. A disc saw was used to cut some of the passengers free. Eleven Magen David Adom ambulances rushed the injured to hospital.

In Bnei Brak, a brother and sister, six and five years old, respectively, were badly injured at noon yesterday when they were hit by a truck while crossing the street near their home.

Both Yaniv Amitai and his sister, Zahavit, sustained serious head injuries. Amitai stopped breathing and had to be given artificial respiration in the ambulance that took both children to Beilinson Hospital. The Magen David Adom emergency staff who treated the children complained that the crowd of curiosity seekers constituted a serious disturbance.

## Defends Waldheim meet

## Pope speaks out on Aids, homosexuals

MIAMI (Reuters) - Pope John Paul II said here yesterday that homosexuals were not outcasts from the Roman Catholic Church and expressed deep concern over the spread of Aids.

In comments to journalists on the plane taking him to Miami at the start of a nine-day tour of the U.S., the pope made some of his most candid remarks ever about homosexuality.

He also strongly defended his meeting in June with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim.

Asked about homosexuals and the Aids epidemic, the pontiff declared: "They are not outcasts, the homosexuals. Like all people who suffer they are inside the Church... no, not inside the Church, they are in the heart of the Church."

The Vatican aroused anger among homosexuals last year when it issued a document calling homosexual acts "an intrinsic moral evil." Homosexual rights activists plan protests during the pope's nine-city tour of the U.S.

Asked whether it had been a mistake to meet Waldheim, the pope replied: "No. It was necessary. It's necessary to show the same appreciation, the same esteem, for every people. He came as a president, democratically elected, of a people."

WALTER RUBY adds from Miami: The pope received an enthusiastic welcome from President and Mrs. Reagan and the city's Catholic and Jewish communities, but Jewish leaders who met the pope two weeks ago in Rome said they will be disappointed if he does not mention Kurt Waldheim and Vatican recognition of Israel in the speech he is to deliver to 196 Jewish leaders today.

## Oldest refusenik gets exit visa, wants to have 100th birthday party in Israel

TEL AVIV. - 99-year-old Zalman Apterman of Moscow, the oldest refusenik in Soviet Jewry, yesterday received an exit visa along with his family. In a phone conversation with activists of the Public Council for Soviet Jewry, a very excited Apterman said "I hope to celebrate my 100th birthday with you and my son Eliyahu (one of the leaders of the Beersheva-based Organisation of Children on Behalf of their Parents) in your Tel Aviv headquarters."

The council's secretary general, Haim Chesler, said afterwards that his organisation would try and answer Apterman's request by holding a public birthday party for him after he arrives in Israel.

Zalman Apterman fought in the Tsarist army in the First World War and spent the Second building factories. His eldest son was killed in battle against the Germans.

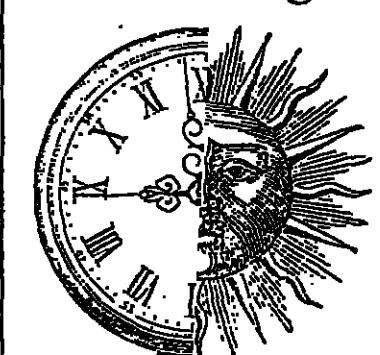
His daughter Galena Goldfarb and son-in-law Aaron Goldfarb and their two children received exit visas with him.

## Hussein off for London to confer with Thatcher

AMMAN (AP) - King Hussein left for London yesterday to confer with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, said a palace announcement. The discussions will cover the latest Middle East developments and the Iran-Iraq war, the statement added.

Following his visit to Britain the king, who is accompanied by Queen Noor, will fly to Switzerland next Thursday for a state visit.

## Clock change



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Golan	49	17-28	29
Nahariya	53	17-28	29
Safed	53	14-25	26
Haifa Port	60	—	29
Tiberias	45	21-33	35
Nazareth	52	20-31	31
Afula	52	19-28	28
Samaria	57	22-30	29
Tel Aviv	51	20-28	29
B-G Airport	43	21-34	35
Jericho	60	22-30	39
Gaza	45	17-30	31
Beer Sheva	45	22-36	36
Eilat	27	24-36	36

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

A scholarship fund has been set up by Friends of Midrasia in Israel to honour its vice chairman, Rabbi Dr. Alexander Carlebach, and his wife Marga who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on Elul 5.

## Two more experts to see Trawniki ID

**By ERNIE MEYER**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Defence attorneys in the Demjanjuk war crimes case yesterday rejected the court's permission to allow two more experts to examine the original Trawniki identity card and the three additional cards recently received from Russia.  
This follows the examination of the cards earlier this week by the British documents expert Dr. Julius Grant. After taking samples from the documents at the police laboratory here, Grant returned to London to conduct further tests in his own laboratory.  
At a meeting in Judge Dalia Dorner's chambers yesterday, defence counsel Yoram Shetel asked the court's permission to allow his new experts access to the ID cards. The two experts, whose names were not released yesterday, are expected to arrive here on Sunday.

## Navy boat discovers mine off Tyre

**Post Defence Reporter**  
TEL AVIV. — The crew of an Israeli Dabur patrol boat sailing off the coast of Lebanon recently discovered a naval mine near Tyre, and military sources here suggested that a pro-Iranian group, possibly Hizbullah, planted it.  
This is the first time that a naval mine has been discovered in that area, the sources added. The mine was blown up.  
Military sources said the Dabur crew was bound to discover the mine, if only because it would appear on the vessel's radar. The IDF spokesman said the mine appeared to be similar to those the Iranians planted in the Persian Gulf in an attempt to disrupt Iraqi oil exports. It is believed to have weighed 40-50 kilograms.  
Israeli military sources warned in June — and possibly even earlier — that the Hizbullah was expected to launch a maritime attack on Israel. Defence Minister Rabin repeated that warning several times.  
Recent reports from Lebanon said local fishermen had found mines drifting ashore and had blown them up.

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## HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

## IAI men return to streets

**By JONATHAN KARP**  
For The Jerusalem Post  
TEL AVIV. — Israel Aircraft Industries employees are taking to the streets once again to continue their public campaign to "save" the Lavi jet fighter and, for many of them, their jobs at IAI.

Last night, the IAI workers demonstrated outside Defence Minister Rabin's home in Ramat Aviv; they have received permits to demonstrate this morning in front of the Defence Ministry and on Sunday morning in front of Histadrut headquarters. The permits followed an agreement yesterday between the leaders of the IAI workers' committee and the police to keep the demonstrations legal.

Ya'acov Sheffi, secretary of the workers' committee, agreed, but predicted yesterday that once the dismissals start, the demonstrations will be so large that they will overshadow those that have already taken place.

Tel Aviv police yesterday morning took no action to stop an IAI demonstration outside the Kastel,



Israel Aircraft Industries workers demonstrate yesterday outside National Religious Party headquarters in Tel Aviv.

the National Religious Party headquarters, even though the number of participants — 1,000 — was double that approved for the demonstration. The police spokeswoman indicated that as long as the workers did not cause trouble or block traffic, they would be allowed to demonstrate.

Compared to last week's demonstrations, yesterday's had a festive atmosphere, with demonstrators, many of them religious, dancing and blowing the shofar.

The workers came to protest against Religious Affairs Minister

Zevulun Hammer for voting to scrap the Lavi. NRP Minister Yosef Shapira, who voted for the Lavi, was tossed triumphantly into the air by the workers after he told them that the NRP was behind them in their struggle. NRP MK Avner Shaki was also present.

## Old woman shot in Gaza

**Jerusalem Post Staff**

Israeli troops shot and wounded a 75-year-old Gaza woman on Wednesday as she sat outside the entrance to her home, the IDF and a hospital spokesman said yesterday.

Later the same day a Gaza man was injured by a bomb that exploded in his hands, the army said.  
The woman, Aishe Mohammed Abu Layle, was wounded in the right leg after soldiers opened fire at 4 p.m. on youths throwing stones at a soldier near the central square of the Nuseirat refugee camp near Khan Yunis, the IDF spokesman said. The spokesman said the soldier had fired in the air.

But the Palestine Press Service said the incident occurred after soldiers who were trying to repair a military patrol vehicle opened fire at a group of jeering Palestinian youths.

Abu Layle was hospitalized at the Al Shifa hospital in Gaza with bullet fragments in her leg, a hospital spokesman said.

The second incident occurred at 8 p.m. A local resident was brought to a Gaza hospital seriously wounded in both hands. He claimed that he found a suspicious object in the courtyard of his house; when he tried to remove it, it blew up, he said.  
The IDF is investigating both incidents.

## Nafsu probes back in business

**By MENACHEM SHALEV**

The police investigation of Izat Nafsu's Shin Bet interrogations has recently been resumed, informed sources said yesterday. The investigation had been unofficially quashed for several months in response to political pressure and the establishment of a judicial commission of inquiry into the service's interrogation techniques.

Although the police investigation has never been officially halted, the investigators halted the probe in anticipation of the findings of the judicial commission headed by former Supreme Court president Moshe Landau. The Landau Commission has completed questioning witnesses and is expected to present its report within the next few weeks.

## Yesh Gvul: Three reservists jailed for refusing W. Bank duty

**By JOEL GREENBERG**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Three reserve soldiers have been court-martialed and sentenced to prison terms ranging from a week to a month for refusing to serve in the West Bank, a spokeswoman for the Yesh Gvul movement said yesterday.

She said the three, who were sentenced Wednesday night, belonged to a Civil Defence unit which was to be stationed in Nablus and Tulkarm. Lev Greenberg, 34, who declared in his trial that he would not serve in the territories for reasons of conscience, was given a 28-day sentence; Daniel Blattman, 34, a seven-day sentence, and Sharon Nurani, 27, a week in military prison.

Many other soldiers in the unit refused to report for duty, prompting the unit commanders to hold the trials to deter further disobedience, the spokeswoman said.

The IDF spokesman could not confirm the reports. In recent years there have been isolated cases of refusal by reservists to serve in the territories.

Yesh Gvul, originally a protest movement of IDF reservists against the Lebanon War, served as a support group for soldiers jailed for refusing to serve in Lebanon. Last year, it circulated a petition to Defence Minister Rabin requesting that the signatories not be posted in the territories.

Meanwhile, Jerusalem police yesterday notified the left-wing Committee Confronting the Iron Fist that it would not allow it to hold a planned march in East Jerusalem next week on the anniversary of the massacres at the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in Beirut. A spokeswoman for the group said the police maintained that the PLO was behind the march.

The committee, which has demonstrated against Israeli policies in the territories, said it intends to petition the High Court of Justice on the issue, with the help of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel. Police have in recent months banned demonstrations by the group in East Jerusalem.

## No doubt about need for constitution, Shamir tells surprised TAU profs

**By MENACHEM SHALEV**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Tel Aviv University draftsmen of a proposed constitution for Israel were favourably surprised yesterday by the encouragement and support they received from Prime Minister Shamir.

Professors Uriel Reichman, Baruch Bracha and Ariel Rosen-Zvi spent more than an hour yesterday with Shamir, outlining their proposal. The prime minister congratulated them on their "positive initiative" and said that he would support their efforts to get their proposal accepted.  
Shamir said that "there is no doubt about the need for a constitution." He added that in preparing a constitution emphasis must be placed "on achieving as wide a consensus as possible, without necessarily giving in to compromise."

The professors and Shamir focused on the proposed constitution's guidelines on human and civil rights, government structure and the relationship between religion and the state. Shamir said that security considerations would have to be taken into account in granting rights. He agreed with the proposers that the authority of the prime minister needed to be broadened, but expressed doubts whether their proposal to choose the prime minister in a direct ballot had any chance of being adopted.

Shamir added that the only area where there was room to strive for compromise was in the separation of religion and state.

The prime minister also lent his support to the professors' efforts to set up a parliamentary panel comprising 15-18 MKs from across the political spectrum to study and debate the proposed constitution.

## Court orders enema to recover heroin

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**BEERSHEBA.** — Doctors at Soroka Hospital here yesterday performed a court-ordered enema on a man suspected of swallowing heroin.

The suspect, 28, was arrested on Monday during a police raid on suspected drug dealers. Police received a tip that the suspect, a man with an extensive criminal background, had swallowed a large amount of heroin. His feet were bound and a policeman was stationed at his cell to retrieve the evidence. But the suspect announced a hunger strike and refused to move his bowels. In order to relieve his pain he forced himself to vomit the food that was in his stomach.

On Wednesday, police asked magistrates' court Judge Yosef Rabi to order an enema. The judge refused, saying he would only do so if the suspect's life were in danger.

The suspect denied the drug charges and said that he had declared the hunger strike to protest against police abuse.

Late Wednesday night, a police doctor examined the suspect and determined that his health was endangered. At around midnight the judge was summoned and he issued the order.

The judge, police and the suspect went to the hospital where the enema was given and what were believed to be three grams of heroin were retrieved.

## Amal strongman set to make a comeback in South Lebanon

**By DAVID RUDGE**

**ROSH HANIKRA.** — Former South Lebanese Amal Shi'ite strongman Daoud Daoud seems set to make a triumphant return to power following his ousting six months ago, according to reports from Lebanon.

Sources in South Lebanon said Daoud is now back in favour with the Amal national hierarchy after "mending his fences with Syria."

His reinstatement as political chief of the region is expected to be announced in the near future, the sources said.

Daoud was sacked in March along with Mahmoud Fakhri, commander of the Nabatiyeh region, who held the post of organizational leader of Amal in the south.

The sources said the biggest indication of the rapprochement was Daoud's prominent presence alongside Amal national chief Nebih Berri at a rally in Tyre last week attended by nearly half a million Shi'ites.

Berri, making his first appearance in the south for six years, was given a rapturous reception. The welcome reserved for Daoud was no less enthusiastic, indicating his strong grass-roots support despite his six months out in the cold, the sources said.

Such public recognition would not have been possible had Daoud still been "in disgrace," the sources noted.

Ostensibly, Daoud was sacked because of his sectarianism and anti-Syrian stance.

The redoubtable Daoud was considered to be too independent. Secure in the knowledge of his popular support, and basing his actions on the criteria of "what's best for the residents of the region," he often turned a deaf ear to importunities of the Amal hierarchy, whose national interests were sometimes at variance with those of the South Lebanese population.

His attitude also angered the Syrians, to whom the national Amal leadership owes allegiance. Daoud opposed the Syrian-backed agreement, that took effect in February, to end the refugee camps war between Amal and the Palestinians.

He was reluctant to lift the siege of

Rashideh and neighbouring Palestinian camps near Tyre and distanced himself from the agreement.

In this, Daoud maintained that he was acting in accordance with the wishes of the overwhelming majority of South Lebanese Shi'ites — committed to preventing a return to the PLO's "reign of terror" in the region in pre-1982 days.

His actions, regardless of his motives, were seen as a slap in the face of the Syrians and a month later Daoud was ousted.

Similarly he opposed the encroachment "on his turf" of the fanatical Iran-backed Hizbullah which supports and coordinates with the PLO and other armed Palestinian elements.

At that period, relations between the Syrians and the Hizbullah were good. However, attitudes subsequently changed on both sides.

Syria, apparently, no longer regards Hizbullah as a trusted ally, despite Syria's continuing official support for Iran. The Syrians, following their intervention in Lebanon, are slowly building up their credibility as the main power-brokers in that divided country.

Any independent actions of the Hizbullah, therefore, are an affront to Syria, which wants to control all the various military factions.

The Syrians, the sources noted, already control the Hizbullah in the Bekaa Valley and, to a lesser extent, in West Beirut. For tactical reasons they now want to extend that control over Hizbullah factions operating in South Lebanon.

Daoud, with his widespread popular support, would therefore be the logical choice for exerting such control, provided he remains responsive to the dictates of the Syrian-backed Amal hierarchy.

For his part, Daoud appears to have invigorated himself into Amal's and the Syrians' good graces.

He visited Damascus a few months ago and appears to have reconciled himself to the prospect of future Syrian influence in the south.

Daoud's return to regional power, therefore, seems certain as long as he toes the Syrian line.

## Hopes said dim for ME parley during rest of Reagan's term

**By DAVID HOROVITZ**

**LONDON.** — Hopes of significant progress towards a Middle East conference in the lifetime of the current U.S. administration have all but vanished, according to highly placed Israeli sources in London.

Nevertheless, Israeli officials are interpreting this week's granting of exit permits to long-term Soviet Jewish refuseniks as a clear signal that the Soviets are ready to warm up their relations with Israel. This can only improve the prospects for Middle East peace negotiations, they feel.

The London-based sources noted

a significant improvement in Israeli-Soviet relations over the past two years, pointing to the high-level contacts between Israeli and Soviet officials this year, notably in Rome and in Bonn. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is to meet his Soviet counterpart, Eduard Shevardnadze, in New York at the end of this month.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher remains committed to the idea of an international conference as outlined by Peres, and she is understood to be maintaining contacts with moderate Arab leaders, and acting as a conduit for information between Israel and the moderate Arab states.

## Newlywed coke smugglers get heavy sentences

**TEL AVIV (Itim).** — A young couple who flew to Holland a week after their wedding with the intention of smuggling in cocaine on their return to Israel, to provide themselves with a nestegg for their new family, were yesterday given heavy sentences in the Tel Aviv District Court.

Judge Elihu Matza sentenced

Tal Shalev, 26, to five years in prison and an additional year suspended, and his wife Tali, 20, to 21 months' imprisonment and an additional 11 months suspended. These sentences were meted out despite the fact that two had no previous criminal record and had confessed to the smuggling charge.

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Wife: Shoshana  
Children: Tamy, Mody and Orit



## Marxist gunmen shoot charge d'affaires

## Iranian siege of Oslo embassy ends in surrender

OSLO (Reuters). - Leftist Iranian gunmen, protesting against the treatment of prisoners in Iran, stormed their country's embassy in Oslo yesterday, wounding the charge d'affaires in a violent three-hour siege before surrendering.

The police spokesman told reporters that 10 men and a woman burst into the embassy armed with pistols and took seven people hostage, including two children of a diplomat.

One shot was heard before the group, members of The People's Fedayeen of Iran, eventually walked out with their hostages and surrendered to armed police who had thrown a cordon around the building in central Oslo.

The attack was one of several protest actions conducted in European

cities by the Marxist organization whose members have been a target of execution and arrests since the 1979 Islamic revolution.

In Frankfurt, West Germany, police arrested nine Iranians after they wrecked the Iran Air office. Demonstrators also attacked the airlines' offices in central Paris, smashing windows and raising banners that denounced the rule of revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Oslo Deputy Police Chief Lasse Qvigstad told a news conference that his men were still looking for the weapons used in the attack, said by the hostages to be two revolvers.

Police initially reported that three senior diplomats had been injured, but Qvigstad said the charge d'affaires, Mohammad Hadi Ardebil, was the only casualty.

## 25 face manslaughter charges for 1985 riot

## Belgians offer comfy jail to Liverpool football fans

BRUSSELS (AFP). - Twenty-five British football fans were whisked to a comfortably-appointed Belgian jail yesterday to await trial over the 1985 riot at the Heysel Stadium here in which 39 people died.

The Liverpool football club supporters were brought to Belgium on Wednesday in a low-profile transfer aboard a Belgian military transport plane, unseen by waiting journalists either at the Melsbroek Military Airfield near here or at the Brussels Central Court building, where they spent the night.

The suspects, aged 20 to 34, were extradited with the British government's agreement. They were transferred yesterday morning to the

prison at Louvain, some 20 kilometres east of Brussels. The 25 face manslaughter charges.

The alleged hooligans were questioned separately by Examining Magistrate Marina Coppieleters Wallant, who later issued a formal arrest warrant for them. A 26th Briton, whose extradition had also been sought by Belgium, was meanwhile sentenced yesterday in London to four years in prison for wounding two policemen, a barmaid and a customer in a Liverpool bar. The Britons, whose trial is expected to begin late this year or early in 1988, have been put in a special section of the prison, which was built in 1860.

## Right-wing assassinations spread fear in Colombia

By GEOFFREY MATTHEWS  
BOGOTA. - The chilling message reverberates the length of a continent and across over a decade in time: "First we are going to kill all the subversives, then their collaborators, then their sympathizers, then the apathetic, and finally those who are soft."

So vowed Brigadier General Americo Manuel Saint Jean, governor of Buenos Aires, at the start of the reign of terror ostensibly unleashed by the 1976 military takeover in Argentina to counter subversion by the left-wing Montonero guerrillas.

Is history repeating itself today at the other end of the South American continent in Colombia?

Certainly the term *guerra sucia* (dirty war) with all its monstrous Argentine connotations, is now in common usage both in everyday conversation and newspaper headlines as a result of an alarming spiral in political violence.

It is also true that, as in Argentina, the violence is being directed overwhelmingly at the political left, most notably the small fledgling socialist movement called the Union Patriótica (UP) which emerged three years ago from ceasefire pacts agreed between the then government and the nation's biggest guerrilla group, the Moscow-line Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Farc).

Since then, the UP has seen 430 of its members assassinated. It was the UP leadership which recalled Saint Jean's threat recently when it renewed charges of a military conspiracy to wipe it off the political scene.

The horrifying dimensions of that war were brought home to many Colombians two weeks ago when one of the nation's most revered public figures, Hector Abad Gomez, a university professor and newspaper commentator was assassinated.

He and another university professor, who was also a leading member of the Human Rights Committee, were killed by gunmen in their offices at Medellin's Principal University.

Only a few hours earlier another professor, head of the university

teachers union, had been assassinated nearby.

Even more chillingly, a few hours after Abad's murder an anonymous duplicated letter was distributed to the media with a list of other human rights activists, journalists, trade union leaders, and democratic left and centre politicians named as the "next targets."

The killings have recalled the dreaded right-wing death squad Triple A (Argentina Anti-Communist Alliance) which assassinated an estimated 1,500 intellectuals, congressmen, trade union leaders and human rights lawyers in an 18-month period between 1974 and 1975. The Triple A paved the way for the armed forces to take over in 1976.

Yet analogies with Argentina can be taken too far. The military have intervened only twice in Colombian history. President Virgilio Barco, elected last year, has welcomed the emergence of the UP and regularly meets its leaders. While the military remains a powerful constituency, few believe that the killings are a military plot directed by Barco's Defence Minister Rafael Samuicio.

So who are behind the assassinations?

The short answer is that there are many sources. Just as Abad, a liberal, was expected to win the mayoral election in a major city next year, several UP candidates are expected to win mayoral elections in many small towns of rural Colombia where the Liberal and Conservative parties have historically had a monopoly of local power. With their personal fiefdoms threatened for the first time by a new party, local leaders of the traditional parties may be seeking to preserve their power bases by trying to annihilate their UP opponents.

Another group believed to be behind the killings is the Colombian cocaine racketeers who may find that fuelling political chaos is useful to divert attention from their own activities.

There is plenty of evidence that drug money is financing both left-wing guerrilla groups like the Farc and right-wing death squads.

(London Observer Service)

## Ethiopia's ruler becomes its president; nat'l assembly takes over from military

ADDIS ABABA (AFP). - Lieutenant-Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam, Ethiopia's ruler for the past decade, was elected president of a new People's Democratic Republic of Ethiopia yesterday. The appointment was made by the National Assembly which is taking over power from the ruling Military Council set up in 1974 as the provisional military administrative council, or *derge*.

The National Assembly, or *shengo*, which held its inaugural session on Wednesday, in a closed session yesterday also elected Fisseha Desta as state vice-president and Fikre Selassie Wogderes as prime minister. Both were leading members of the outgoing *derge*.

Announcing the elections by the 813 elected members, the assembly's Electoral Commission Chairman, Legesse Asfaw, gave the

names of five vice-prime ministers, a 30-member Council of State and a 21-member Council of Ministers (government cabinet).

The president and vice-president are also president and vice-president of the Council of State, which has two other vice-presidents and a secretary, Legesse said.

The Council of State, which includes prominent members of the outgoing administration, has been likened to the Soviet presidium.

It has wide powers and is expected to meet more often than the large National Assembly.

Judging from the list of ministers, there has been little change among the names there. But there was no mention of the last holder of the Information and National Guidance portfolio, Feleke Gedle Giorgis.



A powerful explosion damaged the Paris headquarters of the Kuwaiti French Bank early yesterday, but caused no injuries, police sources said.

## Aquino appeals to nation for support

MANILA (AP). - President Corazon Aquino appealed for public support yesterday in the face of a mushrooming crisis sparked by an abortive coup and the resignation of her cabinet. But she made no mention of the cabinet changes, offered no explanation for the shakeup and gave no indication of any shift in government policy.

Instead, she offered a rambling defence of her administration's record during its turbulent 18 months. She and two aides spoke for some 40 minutes about the disastrous economic effects of the attempted coup and the battle against communist rebels.

She proposed a mass rally to demonstrate public support, urged people to invite soldiers into their homes and said people should write letters to newspapers that did not report favourably on her government's accomplishments.

"I need you badly," she said to Filipinos during her nationally televised speech.

Earlier in the day, she postponed a state visit to Italy because of political uncertainties and urged a new advisory council to help mend the deepening rift with the military.

The internal crisis facing the 54-year-old president worsened Wednesday when her chief adviser, Joker Arroyo, and the rest of her 25-member cabinet resigned. Sources say the move was spearheaded by a pro-business bloc alarmed over indecisive leadership in the wake of the August 28 coup attempt.

Aquino has not accepted the resignations. She told reporters she would announce changes by the weekend. Her aides, spokesman Teodoro Benigno and cabinet secretary Jose de Jesus, defended the government against allegations of corruption raised by the coup leaders, church leaders and newspaper commentators.

"I need your help badly, especially at this time when there are still elements who are out to overthrow this government," Aquino said.

"Bear with us if we have failed you in some aspects. My promise is that we will work to give you the government that we must give you because you put us into power."

Earlier, at the first meeting of the council of state, a body created by the Senate recently to advise the president in times of crisis, she appealed for improved military-civilian relations.

## New Danish government faces tough opposition

COPENHAGEN (AP). - Conservative Prime Minister Poul Schluter presented his reshuffled cabinet to Queen Margrethe II yesterday, completing the formation of a minority government weakened by election setbacks.

Schluter replaced four ministers, including the defence minister, and added one minister to the outgoing 21-member cabinet.

The presentation of the government put a coalition crisis in abeyance at least until next month when the Folketing, or parliament, reconvenes.

The coalition is likely to face its first serious test when Schluter's economic programme comes up for a vote later in the year.

The four-party centre-right coalition is backed by only 70 of the legislature's 179 members, making it one of the weakest governments in modern Danish politics.

It faces a strengthened opposition bloc of Social Democrats and Socialist People's Party, which won a combined 81 seats in Tuesday's election.

The Radical-Liberal Party, which had supported the previous government on key votes from outside the coalition, warned that Schluter could no longer count on the support of its 11 seats because he ignored its advice to broaden the coalition negotiations.

The new cabinet had three women, the same number as before.

## Reagan wants another \$270 m. in aid for Nicaraguan rebels

WASHINGTON (AFP). - President Reagan's administration will request \$270 million from Congress for the Nicaraguan rebels, Secretary of State George Shultz said here yesterday.

The money would be for an 18-month period and would be granted once the current aid allocation of \$100 million expires at the end of this month, he added.

In testimony prepared for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Shultz said the Reagan administration was seeking additional funds "to end the doubt and uncertainty about the capacity and commitment of the United States that is created by the recurring cycle of off-again, on-again aid decisions punctuated by protracted and divisive debate."

Shultz said the new request was equivalent to \$180 million a year, compared with the \$100 million which Congress earmarked for the Contras for the current fiscal year.

The surprise move comes at a time when Democrats have been

urging the Reagan administration to help ensure the success of a Central American peace plan signed in Guatemala City last month by the presidents of Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua.

A key provision of the plan is a call for a cutoff of U.S. aid to the Nicaraguan rebels. Shultz noted that the Guatemala City peace accord set a November 7 deadline for implementation of cease-fires and moves toward democratic reforms. He stressed that both the U.S. fiscal year and aid to the Nicaraguan rebels ended on September 30 and that without new funding for the Contras, "the Guatemala calendar will play out entirely in favour of the communists."

"As their (the Contras') resources disappear, the helicopter gunships and armoured personnel carriers and rocket launchers that the Soviet Union is continuing to supply (Managua) will guarantee a Communist victory," Shultz warned.

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## Tribute to Liv Ullmann today at Jerusalem Cinematheque

By ANDREA KING  
For The Jerusalem Post

Norwegian actress Liv Ullmann, best known for her emotionally charged roles in Ingmar Bergman films, will have a balcony dedicated in her name today at the Jerusalem Cinematheque. Her new film, *Moscow Farewell*, based loosely on the life of refusenik and Prisoner of Zion, Ida Nudel, will be screened after the ceremony.

Ullmann arrived in Israel yesterday with her daughter, father, Bergman, and her husband of two years, Boston businessman Donald Saunders. Saunders, who is Jewish, is a member of the Board of Directors of The Jerusalem Foundation and felt that a balcony named for his wife at the Cinematheque would be a fitting tribute to the actress, her profession and her love of Israel.

Ullmann first heard of the plight of Soviet Jews and of Ida Nudel through the International Rescue Committee, in which she is active. "I didn't seek out this role but I would have if I had known anything about it," said Ullmann, whose film characters are often anguished and

wracked with conflict. "They came to me and wined me and dined me, but I didn't need wining and dining. Once I saw the script I really wanted the role. It is seldom that parts like this one come along, especially for older, female actors. This is not just another movie."

"Although the character in the film is named Ida, it is not Ida's life that is being portrayed on the screen," says the 48-year old actress, who has authored two revealing books about her life. "It is the life of any refusenik denied his freedom. I feel that anything that brings me up of Ida Nudel, that brings her name up, is important, and a film, no matter what the quality, will do this."

*Variety* gave the film, directed by Italian director Mauro Bolognini, lukewarm reviews but called the story "chilling," and praised Ullmann's "emotionally charged performance." Yelena Friedman, Nudel's sister, who has been living in Israel since 1972, saw the film in Italy and although not thrilled with it, said, "Liv Ullmann's performance is wonderful. She is such a fine actress."

But I cannot be objective. It is not Ida on the screen, they do not even look alike, but there are a few moments in the film in which Liv becomes Ida, it was shocking and very disconcerting. The most important thing that the film can do is to stress the fact that Ida does not have her freedom and all she wants is what every human being should have, freedom."

Although Ullmann has not met or spoken with Nudel, she feels that through reading Nudel's writings she has come to identify closely with the 56-year-old refusenik who has been denied permission to emigrate to Israel for 16 years. Nudel, after serving time in Siberia, was denied permission to return to her hometown of Moscow and is currently living in Benderi, Moldavia. "It was important to me not to banalize or sentimentalize her life and situation," said Ullmann.

"I did not try to be Ida, although in the last scene I did try to be her soul. People say there is a lot of innocence about her, and she has a childish smile. I tried to bring that to the role. But it is very hard to under-



Liv Ullmann

stand what life must be like for her, not to be able to phone, or write or travel freely. She has been denied all of these rights and her only crime was that she asked for a visa to emigrate. In fact, it was the denial of her freedom that made her begin to fight for it, for herself and for so many others."

*Moscow Farewell* will be shown at the Cinematheque this afternoon at 2 p.m.

Tsur: 1,000 SA olim expected next year

## 'Direct absorption' experiment working well in Rishon Lezion

By CHARLES HOFFMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The innovative project in Rishon Lezion for the "direct absorption" of South African immigrants seems to have got off to a good start, to judge from the reactions of the immigrants and the officials involved.

The project seeks to immerse immigrants directly in the daily life of a community and to give them more independence than they would have had if they had spent their initial period in Israel in an absorption centre. The immigrants go directly from the airport to flats rented for them in advance, and are provided with Hebrew lessons and other services by local officials and volunteers.

The project was devised by a special committee to promote aliyah from South Africa composed of representatives of the Aliya Department, the Jewish Agency, the Absorption Ministry and the South African Zionist Federation, known as Telfed. Rishon Lezion was chosen for the experimental project because it was interested in attracting South African immigrants.

Project Rishon was introduced to the press this week in a tour sponsored

by the ministry and the municipality, and led by Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur. He said about 1,000 immigrants from South Africa are expected this year, compared to 600 last year and 250 in 1985.

The 36 families — about 100 people — now in Rishon came during the past several months. The vice-chairman of Telfed, Jack Rabin, said that by the end of the year another 25 people would join them, and that he hoped that over the next four years up to 400 South African immigrants would settle in Rishon.

Stanley Taube, who came from Johannesburg, was happy to be one of the "guinea pigs" in the project. "It's good to move into your own flat and feel at home. And the kids adjust better this way too," he said. "We have talked to other immigrants who went to an absorption centre, and we prefer it this way. So would they, by the way."

The immigrants, who were interviewed during a break in their morning Hebrew classes, said that things were working out well on the whole. A big problem, a number of them said, was that the schools in Rishon were not ready to handle English-

speaking pupils who did not know any Hebrew. The children were getting special lessons in Hebrew, but did not get special help with their other subjects.

The flats provided for the immigrants are rent-free for a year, and the immigrants get an average of NIS 500 a month per family for living expenses during the first six months, when they concentrate on studying Hebrew. Most, however, said that it would take them longer than six months to become fluent.

The municipal coordinator for the project, Nitzza Ariel, said that "the project could not work without the efforts and money put into it by Telfed." Telfed rents the flats in advance, provides counselling for immigrants in the office that it has opened in Rishon, coordinates the local volunteer group that works with the immigrants and serves as general trouble-shooter. Telfed also organizes the groups in South Africa that plan to come to Rishon.

Tsur said that his ministry would like to extend this project to other communities and groups of immigrants, but that so far only preliminary contacts have been made toward this end.

## Promoters seeking grand prix in Ashkelon

By JONATHAN KARP  
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. It's hard to believe that 8 million kilograms of concrete barriers, some wire fencing and portable bleachers can be the basis of a \$20m. windfall for the country's economy, but that's the idea that Robert Taylor is trying to sell here this week.

Taylor's formula, which has been tested successfully in the U.S., includes other ingredients. After all, he is not in the concrete business, he's in the auto racing business. His arrival here on Monday marked the initial stage of what might lead to an internationally sanctioned grand prix next year.

The concrete is symbolic of the \$2.50m. to \$3.25m. investment in converting ordinary city streets into racing venues, which, after 12 years of race management, is Taylor's specialty. The 39-year-old vice president of Race Marketing Associates, Inc. (RMA), a promotion company, also plans to bring over American drivers for several days of Trans-Am (similar to stock-car) racing.

During his first day in Israel, Taylor visited Ashkelon, Israel's de facto racing capital, where he and Mayor Eli Dayan agreed in principle to hold the extravaganza in the first week of December 1988. An RMA professional team is to visit Ashkelon in November to survey the proposed track site.



Robert Taylor, left, and Hal Gutterman.



(Hanoach Guttman)

With plans to bring top-rate drivers here and to attract over 100,000 spectators, the Israeli Grand Prix would be the biggest and most expensive sporting event in the country's history, Taylor said that from what he knew about Israel, the country deserved an event of this sort.

"I think the people are ready for it," Taylor said. "They have endured enough hardships in a lot of areas, and it's about time they had some recreation."

Hal Gutterman, RMA's representative in Israel and the man who first approached Taylor and RMA

president William McVey about promoting a grand prix here, agreed that Israelis were entertainment-starved.

"The idea of racing is already planted," he continued, pointing out that Israelis have shown their devotion. "Ever see all the people at Ashkelon? They sit in dirt to watch the races. Dirt, dirt...I couldn't believe it. It wasn't even grass."

Taylor, who has had no previous contact with Israel, took a different route in reaching the same conclusion — that the race would have great national, even international, significance.

"I think that in bringing a large-scale racing event to this country, we are proclaiming to the sporting world, i.e. the racing world, how endowed, how progressive, how futuristic the state of Israel is," he said.

Taylor and Gutterman are talking about a five-day festival of entertainment culminating in three days of racing. The plan is modelled on next month's New Orleans International Racefest, which is RMA's second American grand prix. They have operated the St. Petersburg (Florida) Grand Prix since 1985.

Taylor said he had no delusions about running Formula One in the first Israeli Grand Prix because the goal was to put on the best show that

was commercially viable. Commercial viability is equally important to the host city, and RMA's general practice is to share profits. Taylor added that the spectators, too, would pump money into the local economy.

The St. Petersburg Grand Prix, for example, attracted 102,000 spectators in its first year, 135,000 last year, and Taylor claimed that the race has helped rejuvenate a city once described as inhabited by the "newly-wed and nearly-dead."

Gutterman estimated that the Israeli Grand Prix would pump at least \$20m. into the local economy. Tickets would cost a little more than those for the New Orleans event, \$35 for a three-day general admission as opposed to \$25, but the real boost, he argued, would come from travel packages designed to bring tourists to Israel for the event and income from satellite television rights.

The promoters remain confident about these projections even though certain local realities have already forced them to alter their original plans. For obvious financial and logistical reasons, they first approached Tel Aviv to host the grand prix. Municipal officials there were receptive, but they ruled out 1988 because they did not think it was appropriate to stage the inaugural race during a municipal election year.

The second obstacle was the perennial ban on Saturday racing. The U.S. races, like most profit-oriented sports events, are held over the weekend, but after Mayor Dayan's unequivocal "no" to Shabbat racing in his city, Taylor and Gutterman resigned themselves to a mid-week competition.

While many of the American drivers are well known in the U.S., they have no name recognition here, so the promoters are hoping to recruit popular Israeli drivers to help publicize the grand prix. "We're going to get Freddy Fruhof," Gutterman said, referring to the one Israeli driver who has gained some notoriety on the European circuit. "He's our Rocky."

## The road to Hof Barnea

A West German industrialist named Otto Treppel discovered the pitfalls of trying to stage an international race in Israel when he invested a lot of his own money to bring noted European drivers to Ashkelon for a Formula model race in 1970.

Carefully laid plans first went awry after an Orthodox outcry forced the organizers to change the day of the race from Shabbat to the middle of the week.

Then, after a week of local practice runs to become acquainted with the track along the road to Hof Barnea, in Ashkelon, the Formula drivers sped across the starting line to open the day of racing.

The overflow crowd, excited by the arrival of international motor sports in Israel, strained forward for a better view. Spectators who were standing moved in front of those who were sitting, who got up and stood in front of them.

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Hailed as the "sons of heroes," 81 war orphans celebrate their bar mitzva yesterday in a ceremony held at Kfar Habad, in the presence of Prime Minister Shamir, cabinet ministers and senior IDF officers. (Isaac Freidin)

## Jewish culture library opens in Moscow

MOSCOW (Reuter).—The first Moscow public library since World War II to be devoted to Jewish culture and history opened in a private apartment yesterday.

With a small collection of 500 volumes in Hebrew, Russian and English, the library will initially be open to the public two days a week. Organizers said they hoped the project would be tolerated under recent Kremlin reforms.

"Both the creation and the activities of the library are within the legal framework of the process of 'perestroika,'" Mark Batunsky, one of some 20 organizers of the project, told Soviet and foreign guests who gathered at the apartment near the Moscow River. He was using the term for Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's economic and social reform programme.

Iosif Begun, a leading refusenik who was informed this week that he would soon be allowed to emigrate, was present at the opening, but Soviet journalists and Ministry of Culture representatives who were invited did not attend.

Pictures of Vladimir Lenin and Anne Frank stood side by side on bookshelves containing volumes on the Holocaust and Jewish culture. An English paperback edition of *Exodus* by Leon Uris was prominently displayed.

Batunsky said the collection also contained a shelf of anti-Zionist literature and explained, "We are tolerant." The organizers of the library are not refuseniks, but simply people who want to know more about their heritage and culture.

## Shamir saddened by death of Max Seligman

Prime Minister Shamir expressed his deep sorrow Wednesday night over the death that day in London of attorney Max Seligman, whom he described as "the loyal attorney of detained underground members during the British Mandate."

Seligman was 85 and spent the last two years of his life with his daughters in England. He originally came to Israel in 1921 where he studied law and two years later was

one of the founders of Jerusalem's Yeshurun synagogue.

A personal friend of Ze'ev Jabotinsky, Seligman was jailed for four months in 1939 for his activities on behalf of the Aliya Bet.

Seligman said Seligman "in his own way, using his own methods, without fear or awe, and with total identification, put himself at the service of the fighting underground movements." Seligman was in direct con-

tact with Yair Stern, the commander of the Lehi movement and I was also in contact with him via emissaries, Shamir said.

"I will never forget, the premier added, "how Seligman brought regards for those exiled in Eritrea from the families and the homeland for which we fought. A place of honour in the pantheon of Israel's freedom fighters is reserved for attorney Max Seligman."

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- \* We encourage the holding of free cultural events and *Ongei Shabbat* in the spirit of Shabbat.
- \* We favor the use of the courts, political parties and all legal means to preserve the status quo. We will carefully monitor and note the moves of the various parties during the current crisis, and will respond loudly and clearly at the next elections.
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Joshua Brilliant traces the struggle of the Israel Aircraft Industries workers against the cabinet's decision to scrap the Lavi. Determined not to give up their jobs lightly, the workers took to the streets — and confrontation with the police. How to deal with these demonstrations has posed a tough problem for the Israel police. On the next page 'Jerusalem Post' correspondents tell how the police in Britain and in France tackle mass protests in the streets

## STRATEGY FOR THE BARRICADES

THE NOISE was heard through the open glass doors as angry, suspicious IAI workers forced their way into the works council meeting. At the top of their voices, they accused their representatives of abandoning them and selling them out. "Down with management, down with Rabin," some shouted. "Shamir Go Home," others yelled.

Council members who had prided themselves on their success in controlling the workers, peacefully leading 12,000 around the government kirya in Jerusalem, were stumped. In time they followed the old adage about joining those whom one can't fight.

Thus, the council called an immediate demonstration, attended by 7,000 employees, and pledged to fight dismissals. Then council members returned to their deliberations, dropped their battle-cry in favour of the Lavi and planned more low-key demonstrations strictly coordinated with the police.

The council's conduct coincided with its reaction shortly after the cabinet decided to kill the multi-billion dollar Lavi programme.

Immediately after Israel Radio announced the decision, staff committee members gathered at the post offices of council secretary Ya'akov Sheffi. Someone cursed Peres. "We should block the runways," another advised. A burly member advocated that workers stop maintaining Air Force transport planes parked nearby. "Let them look for people to do the job," he said.

Several members talked of plans to block nearby roads. Sheffi said he opposed blocking traffic and the issue was to come up at the council meeting slated to begin in a few minutes.

One of the committee members pulled this reporter aside. "There won't be any council meeting

yet," he said. The Engineering Division workers were on their way to the Ben-Gurion-Petah Tikva road, just outside their plant, he volunteered.

Sure enough the four lane road leading from the IAI's metal, electronically controlled gates to the highway swarmed with some 1,000 workers slowly moving to the junction. A staff committee member stood at the junction, trying to control the demonstrators but failed.

Moments later a staff committee member entered a police car and appealed to the workers over its loudspeaker. "We're asking you to get off the road. The struggle has just begun. Obey the *va'ad*."

It was to no avail and minutes later a huge forklift arrived, augmenting the roadblock.

The driver of an Autobianchi tried to force his way through the crowd and hit a worker. The demonstrators pounced on the car, pounding their fists on its roof. Someone smashed the front windshield and another kicked out the rear lights. A staff committee member saved the driver by positioning himself between the car and the workers, spreading out his arms and shouting, "No. No." The driver then sped away.

Eventually the *va'ad* persuaded the workers to withdraw and the road was reopened. But not for long.

WHEN THE council convened, some workers said that they just couldn't sit around talking — so the session adjourned, the council members returned to the road, blocked it again and then returned to their deliberations.

Analysing these events, Hebrew University labour relations expert Rami Friedman said it was

only natural that the action started at the grass-roots level.

"Until the last minute, IAI personnel, especially the managers, believed that the Lavi would live," he told *The Jerusalem Post*. "The workers believed so too. That's why they were in a state of shock — and the reactions came first from the bottom and not the top."

Several considerations appeared to influence the leader's actions at that early stage. First the issue was still political — the cabinet had decided by a majority of only one and only after Labour Party ministers twisted Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslino's arm forcing her at least to abstain, rather than vote for the project.

The workers, with management's encouragement, all along had seen the issue as political and took an active part in efforts to convince the ministers to vote for it. The workers believed that they had considerable political clout because of their sheer numbers. Thus, immediately after the cabinet vote, the leaders still believed that their political power could change the outcome.

So they tried to twist arms. They assigned a team to haunt ministers who had opposed the Lavi, demonstrate in front of Labour Party headquarters and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin's and Vice Premier Shimon Peres's offices, and prove — by blocking roads — how much havoc they could cause. Clearly they hoped that that little bit of extra pressure could turn the tables.

"That's apparently the way things go in this country," Sheffi said in an interview. "We thought our demands would be met if we behaved like good kids — but this is life. If we won't get it in one way — we will get it by force."

The next morning, shop committee members arrived at 6.30 and made final preparations for disruptions from the Golan to the Negev. To maintain secrecy and prevent the police from preempting their moves, group leaders were not told where they were going. They were given sealed envelopes which were to be opened on the buses. Therefore, police cars had to trail the bus convoys.

And yet the police and the workers established some rules. Senior police commanders had told workers that closing Ben-Gurion Airport's runways would provoke a sharp response. So the workers, who wanted to do just that, decided not to. But they also concluded that the police would not interfere elsewhere.

So they blocked main roads including the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway for hours and though the runways were free, passengers — and in one instance even a plane's crew — were unable to reach the airport. In some places, they received unexpected help from friendly policemen, though workers refused to reveal details.

The lenient policy was apparently designed to allow workers to let off steam. But the police also acted in a restrained manner because it felt that the staff committee wanted to control its workers. "I've trusted them several times — and they passed the test," a senior police officer said. "When they gave an undertaking they usually honoured it."

ALL ALONG, the workers kept testing the police. Hezi Assis who headed a group which blocked the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway for over an hour said that when they saw the situation was "getting too hot we usually retreated. We didn't want a confrontation with the police. We understood them. They

didn't sleep for several nights, ate out of bags so they were more violent than we had expected."

Travellers on the Petah Tikva-Ramle road were stranded for close to two hours one morning when workers set up burning roadblocks. Only when policemen in full riot gear assembled to receive final orders before charging did workers give in. An officer was telling his men how to handle prisoners when a committee member told him that the roadblock would be removed in 10 minutes. "You can relax," he advised the officer. And thus while the workers started walking slowly back to IAI, a few police officers extinguished the flames.

On another occasion, after blocking the steps to the departure hall at Ben-Gurion Airport for over an hour, workers stopped traffic at one of the junctions on the way to the terminal.

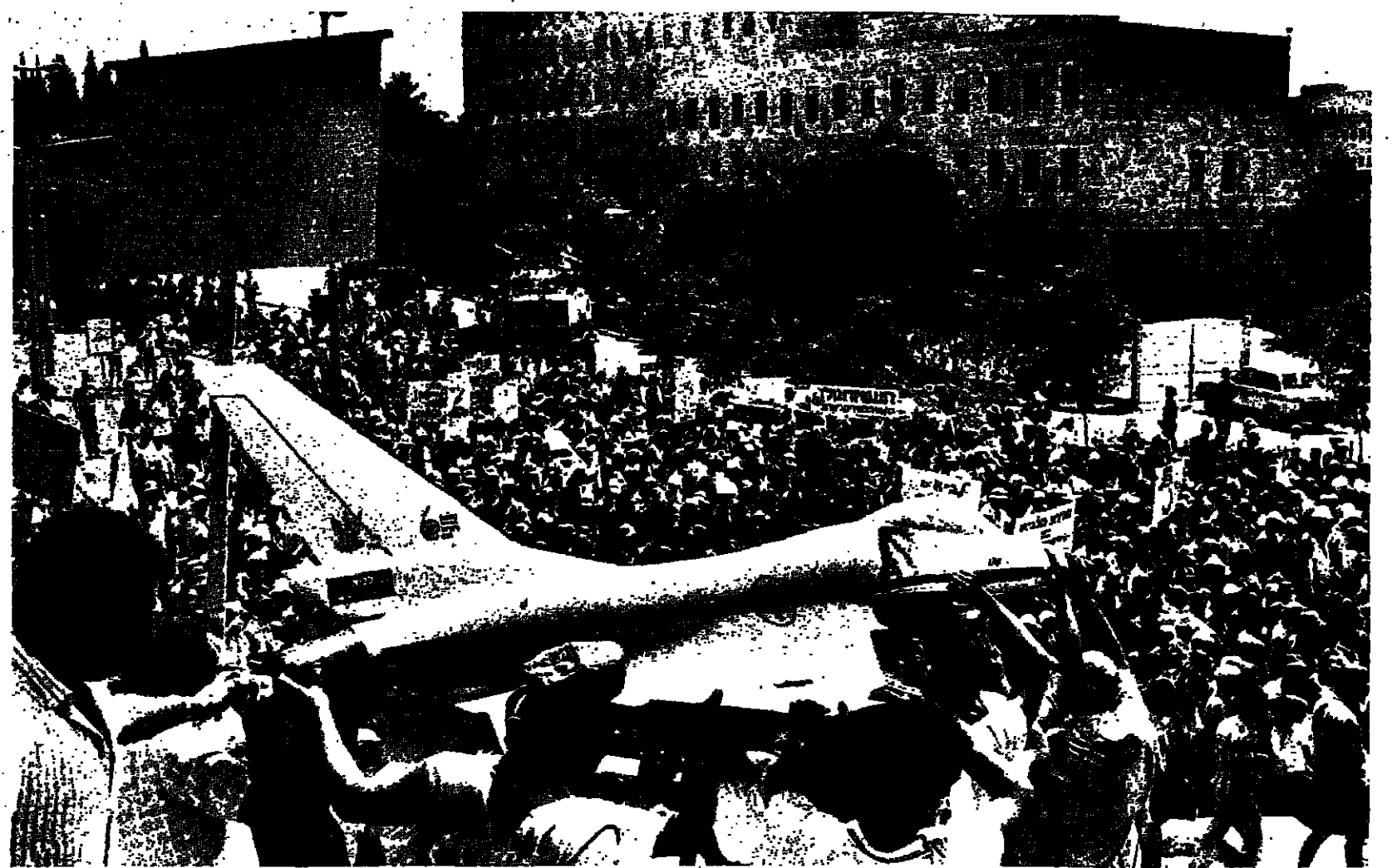
Eventually a unit of truncheon-bearing Border Policemen, brought in from Gaza, formed a line in front of the demonstrators. At least two Border Policemen men were carrying guns for shooting tear gas grenades, and a water cannon appeared.

Nitzav Mishne Eliezer Ben Yehuda asked for a staff committee member to come forward but none did. So he gave them 10 minutes to disperse. As it was clear that police meant business, the crowd dispersed.

GRADUALLY, the futility of this type of action became apparent. The workers lacked the political clout necessary to overturn the cabinet vote.

There were no signs of any Labour ministers having second thoughts — not even Arbeli-Almoslino who became a target for their venom and was called "Arbelli-Chicolina" after the Italian porn actress.

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IAI workers demonstrate outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem.

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## Dealing with demonstrators

## In France: no nonsense

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THE FRENCH penal code stipulates that riot police give demonstrators the following warnings: "Oyez la loi, disbandez," followed by "First warning: violence will be used," and then "Last warning: violence will be used."

If the demonstrators do not heed those warnings, police officers may order a first charge.

The well publicized pictures of the violent police charge of a peaceful Kanak sit-in in New Caledonia, and the clubbing to death of a student in Paris's Latin Quarter following a night of demonstrations last December, have cast a shadow over the security forces charged with maintaining law and order in France.

The Companies Republicaines de Securite (CRS) was created right after World War II as a mobile police force capable of being deployed quickly and efficiently anywhere in the country. Among its many duties are keeping demonstrations within the limits agreed upon by organizers and the authorities, disbanding unauthorized protests, preventing clashes between rival factions, and protecting state and private property.

The CRS, a civilian force of about 14,000 men, are aided by a military

force of similar size, the Brigades de Gendarmerie Mobile. Small and non-violent demonstrations are usually covered by local police forces. If the local authority, the mayor or police chief, feels that matters could get out of hand, the CRS and/or the Gendarmes Mobiles are called in.

Information concerning the importance and intentions of demonstrators are provided by the national police's general intelligence unit, whose agents work under cover.

The CRS and Gendarmes never act without a formal order given on the spot by the civil authorities. Once they are called in, they act according to the penal code, which requires that the protesters be warned that force will be used to disperse the demonstration.

Dressed in dark blue fatigues and protected by riot helmets and hand held transparent plastic shields, the CRS wield a "baton de defense," a 50 centimetre long hard gum stick. The Paris police use a much longer stick, nicknamed "bidule" (thingummy).

"When we have to resort to violent action, I feel we have failed," Jack Massalaigue, deputy chief of



the CRS told *The Jerusalem Post*. "Our presence should deter the demonstrators. Sometimes one word, one move at the right moment can defuse a strained situation."

"When we must act, allowing our men to behave as if it was a squaring of accounts with the demonstrators is out of the question. We train the CRS to remain on line, and to hold that line. Of course, if the demonstration turns really violent, we have to use tear gas."

The CRS are equipped with tear gas in both hand and rifle-propelled grenade form. The grenades differ according to the conditions in which they are used, out of doors or in a building; against large crowds or

small active groups. For more violent demonstrations, the CRS are aided by equipment provided by the local authorities, including water cannon trucks. The cannons, however, are operated by the urban police force and not by the CRS.

"We are always accused of all the excesses occurring during demonstrations," said Massalaigue. "But in New Caledonia, those who charged the sitting Kanaks were not CRS, but local police. The student who died in the capital last December was hit by a special Paris force, created after the so-called 1968 revolution, composed of mounted police volunteers and used only sporadically."

"The task of maintaining order should only be entrusted to a professional force. Our men are trained to endure a lot without losing their temper."

CRS officers undergo two years of training, including one year on the job. They are taught that the best way to prevent a violent demonstration, is to prevent the gathering of would-be trouble-makers.

"Once the authorities have decided that a demonstration is illegal, then it should not be allowed to get off the ground," concluded Massalaigue. "It is quite easy to disband a group of 10 people, but if the 10 grow to hundreds, things can only become nasty."

David Horovitz writes

from London

"IF I WALK out in front of an angry mob with a riot shield, I'm saying, 'I have the dart board, do you want to throw now?'"

These are the words of Chief Inspector Malcolm Eidmans, co-ordinator of public order for the London Metropolitan Police and one of the chief exponents of the "strategy of minimal force," a crowd control policy followed by British police ever since the 1830s.

Former police commissioner Sir Robert Mark once described the art of policing a free society as "winning by appearing to lose." And although British police have had a fair amount of crowd trouble to deal with in the past decade — from the street riots at Toxteth, Bristol and Tottenham to the frighteningly violent industrial action at Rupert Murdoch's Wapping last year — they have been reasonably successful, and they've never yet resorted to water cannons, tear gas or rubber bullets.

"There is no doubt in my mind that the street violence will increase in the coming years, that our strategy

will be put to the test, and that maybe the day will come when our constables will have to carry something other than a truncheon to work," Eidmans told *The Jerusalem Post* this week. "Although society is climbing the ladder of violence, we're doing our best to slow that climb."

The overall strategy requires that police prepare for the worst, but hope for the best when dealing with demonstrations, violent protests and riots.

When a demonstration is planned well in advance, Eidmans and his staff meet with the organizers, "the vast majority of whom are reasonable people," and try to co-ordinate a strategy that will minimize the risk of violence and confrontation.

"We send out what we believe to be the minimum number of men required to enable the event to proceed properly, but we have sufficient manpower in reserve to deal with the worst eventualities."

"We use static barriers extensively to prevent protesters from getting to

areas where they would be causing an obstruction, because static barriers mean no physical contact, and that means less likelihood of escalation."

If violence does break out, the police try to resolve it early by pin-pointing the ringleaders and, as Eidmans puts it, "taking them out" and "persuading" the rest of the crowd to disperse.

All this is done, hopefully, without the use of any special equipment. "We'll take any amount of verbal abuse without reacting. The officers are briefed about what to expect, and if they stay calm, that helps defuse potentially violent situations."

Mounted police are also used extensively to disperse threatening crowds. "Believe me, if you're standing next to a horse and it starts moving, you get out of the way. Fast."

If the bricks, bottles and petrol bombs do start flying, the reserve forces are called in, dressed in flameproof clothing and riot helmets and protected behind shields. But even these men are still only holding truncheons, and every officer who so much as draws his truncheon has to

account for the action, in triplicate, when he gets back to the station.

Even the knife-wielding gangs at this month's Notting Hill Carnival were countered by police armed only with truncheons but trained in unarmed combat.

EIDMANS, a tall, angular man whose New Scotland Yard office is dominated by a massive noticeboard bearing the details of forthcoming major demonstrations, snorted when the viability of water cannons for crowd dispersal was mentioned.

"I know they use them in Israel, and in Belgium and Germany too, but they're really not appropriate. The vehicle is very limited, both in terms of the quantity of water it can hold and its maneuverability."

"Also, this kind of equipment just provokes more violence, and breeds resentment too. Remember, we're often dealing with bitter, angry workers, striking because they have a very valid grievance."

Our job is not to battle with them, but to ensure that a balance is maintained between their right to demonstrate and the rest of the public's right to go about its business undisturbed.

It is vital, Eidmans points out, that industrial disputes in front of government offices are restricted to areas where they do not cause obstruction.

"We'll use static barriers and, as a last resort, we'll begin arresting people if they won't move from in front of, say, the House of Commons."

"But if they're not obstructing anyone, they can protest for as long as they like. Too bad if we want to go home, it's not our job to decide when a demonstration must end."

Until the late 1970s, said Eidmans, the fact that a uniformed officer was on the scene was enough to quell the threat of violent protest. "Unfortunately, the wheel seems to have turned full circle since then, and it's often the sight of a police officer that causes violence to flare."

"These days officers are attacked as a matter of course on the street, even at weddings and funerals, would you believe. People get drunk, we're called in to calm things down, and the violence is suddenly channelled against us."

Believe me, that's a trend that scares me.

"I don't like it, but I fear it's the way of the world."

## In Britain: the gentle touch

## BARRICADES

The Likud appeared unwilling to push for a new vote unless it was assured of a victory. And with the resignation of the plane's main advocate, Minister-without-Portfolio Moshe Arens, hopes for a pro-Lavi revote dimmed.

It was a situation that they had not expected. "We've been lulled," said Beni Ben-Kish, the assembly manager at the Lavi prototype hangar. "We were led to understand that despite all the arguments in the cabinet — development would continue. The decision was sudden. It was a shock. All at once the world around you comes tumbling down."

Thus feelings of frustration and anxiety began to pour out. Workers charged that if staff committee members would only have been tougher from the very beginning, the government wouldn't have dared take such action.

For many, especially in the engineering and production divisions, it was not only a case of losing a struggle — it was a question of their livelihood.

Workers, like 54-year-old Amos Yardeni, manager of prototype engineering, walked around the silent hangar, watching the prototypes on which work had stopped in mid-course. "The feeling is really terrible. All of us are very frustrated. We invested our time and made great efforts, working day and night and on weekends trying to meet deadlines. All the time we felt we were engaged in the project which was most important to the state. Suddenly, they leave you hanging in mid air."

Ben-Kish, misty eyed, clearly trying to control his emotions, said they had been caring for the Lavi as though it were a baby. "We treated the metal as though it were living. We're here most of the day. I've never had a problem of getting people to work — any shift, any hour, even in the middle of the night if there was a need. And suddenly — everything stops."

"We've absorbed a new young generation of workers whom we've trained for years. We have the cream of the young generation here and have invested thousands of hours training them."

It was not only a question of seeing the project stop with a jerk, but also a feeling that the campaign against the Lavi had smeared them — without justification.

It is one thing to argue that the IDF could make better use of its budget by building missiles and other systems rather than a plane. But workers claim, it was an entirely different to say that if the Lavi is built, soldiers would have to defend the state with their bare bodies. "For all these years, I've been working for the Air Force. I've been involved in projects which are still secret. Suddenly they tell me I am endangering Israeli soldiers. I have a son in the Air Force. Am I harming him?" Ben-Kish asked. So as demonstrations continued, workers became increasingly embittered and committee leaders began losing control here and there.

EVENTUALLY, party differences appeared to emerge within the works committees. Certainly, there was — and is — a common interest among workers' representa-

tives, but some Labour members suspected that the Likud was much more active because the issue suited its political interests. Likud council members denied having received any directives from party headquarters. But Labour members appeared to be under pressure to moderate their action. Protests were toned down as workers concentrated on activities to which the police gave their approval.

That left them considerable leverage to haunt ministers. Sheffi, though a Labour Party member of the Histadrut Central Committee, boasted that more Lavi workers demonstrated against Peres at Ezer Yehuda than the number of Ezer Yehuda residents brought out to honour the vice premier.

"We are going to demonstrate not only against Peres but other ministers as well. Every place that they go — we will follow them. Even if the president says (we shouldn't be doing this). Let him check with the police and see if we're breaking the law. We're not."

THE IDEA that they could still apply political pressure also effected attempts to come up with new programmes. An endeavour was made to prove that after all the studies, the Lavi would still be cheaper than the F-16 and the Americans may be interested in it as a close air support aircraft.

They claim that 90 F-16s would cost \$4.37b., which is slightly more than what the Lavi wants for 90 Lavis. But their estimate of the cost of each F-16 is some \$10m. more than army estimates. Moreover, the Air Force was not thinking of buying 90 F-16s, only 75. And if it were to buy 75 Lavis, the cost per plane would shoot up because the cost of development would be divided among fewer aircraft.

Nor were the Americans likely to accept the Lavi as their future close air support plane.

Nevertheless, the workers continued fighting for the Lavi. As labour relations expert Rami Friedman saw it, they are suffering from an "ego fixation. Instead of searching for an alternative — they are trying for an impossible solution."

"Demonstrations to save the project are doing them a disservice because it creates a feeling that the Lavi may stay. Instead they must translate everything into demands for higher severance pay and new projects," he advised.

The workers had better do so now, when the issue is still hot — right after the close vote in the cabinet. The period of goodwill will be short-lived. And if an explosion erupts when workers get their dismissal notices, it will be too late, he said.

The first signs of such a move appeared at the end of this week when some leaders conceded that they believed the Lavi was dead, considered encouraging older workers to accept early retirement and insisted that management arrange for new programmes.

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# 'An old tradition returns to Hebron'

Last Sunday's appointment of Dov Lior as Kiryat Arba and Hebron's first chief rabbi since the creation of the state was received with jubilation by the area's settlers. But Lior has his critics. His statements in sympathy of the Jewish underground and his view that Israel is in a state of war with its Arab population are considered ill-founded by moderates in the national religious camp. The Post's Elaine Ruth Fletcher reports.

A GROUP of Arabs lounged around a gift shop outside the Cave of Machpelah, as some one hundred rabbis and yeshiva students streamed out into the street singing and dancing their way back up to Kiryat Arba.

It was near sunset, just after afternoon prayers at the cave, the traditional site of the patriarchs' grave. The Arabs struggled at the goings on, and continued painting ceramic souvenirs.

"It doesn't matter for us," they said, of the appointment of Rabbi Dov Lior as the government's first chief rabbi of Kiryat Arba and Hebron. "It's just a holiday for the Jewish people. They're celebrating."

On the road back up to Kiryat Arba, a kippa-wearing bus driver trailing behind the dancing crowd stuck his head out of his window, and chatted with a car stuck in the traffic jam. He had a different interpretation of events.

"All of Hebron has been converted to Judaism today," said the driver, smiling. "Now the Arabs of Hebron have a rabbi."

Later that evening, in the spacious synagogue of Kiryat Arba's hesder yeshiva, settlement leaders like Gush Emunim hardliner Moshe Levinger and Tzvi Eliezer Waldman acclaimed the appointment of Lior as the culmination of the first stage in the two-decade long process of rebuilding a Jewish presence in Kiryat Arba and Hebron following the 1929 Arab massacre there.

What is the next stage? Lior himself said it bluntly in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* a few days later. "The expansion of the yishuv... We will bring thousands more Jews to Hebron, and Hebron will be transformed into a Jewish city."

Arabs who refused to accept Israeli rule, either in Hebron or elsewhere, should be provided with a simple alternative, Lior added. "We should help them go to Jordan, Saudi, Iraq. Just as the Jews were refugees and returned to Eretz Yisrael, we should provide them with all the

humanitarian aid to resettle in their countries of origin."

LAST SUNDAY'S appointment of Lior as Kiryat Arba and Hebron's first "government" rabbi since the creation of the state was shrugged off by Arab residents of the territories, and ignored by Israeli television cameras.

But within the insular world of Kiryat Arba, residents greeted the event with reverent awe because their straightforward rabbi is a loved and respected personality by many elements of the community and a "moderate" by moderates both secular and religious, had received a crown of legitimacy from the mainstream Israeli rabbinical establishment.

"You can feel the sentiment of the people, the holiday atmosphere," declared former Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, who joined well-wishers from settlements around the West Bank who came to dance with Lior inside the Cave of Machpelah at afternoon prayers.

Past appointees (by the rabbinate) have lowered the level of the rabbinite in the state," declared Goren. "This appointment raises the level. It compensates for many of the decisions made in the past."

Standing on the sidelines of the dancers was the rabbi's wife, Bitiya. In a raspy voice, still recovering from an operation, she whispered a phrase that was to be heard throughout the night as an expression of the settlers' feelings about Lior's appointment.

"An old tradition has returned to Hebron."

THAT "OLD tradition" includes Hebron as the site of the original Abrahamic covenant, the burial ground of the patriarchs, the well-springs of the Davidic legacy, and the site of a chain of Jewish communities reaching from Biblical to modern times.

But the appointment represents a new tradition as well, the first government rabbi representing Hebron

in the modern Israeli state. This tradition carries political implications, which Lior himself well appreciates.

"In the Israeli community, it was always accepted for the community to appoint a rabbi to teach Torah, make halachic rulings, and deal with relations between man and his neighbor," said the rabbi. "But here in Hebron, that task is even more difficult because it is tied up with the struggle to settle in Hebron and Eretz Yisrael. A rabbi must guide the community... to find the delicate balance."

By Kiryat Arba standards, Lior represents that "balance" however extreme the outside world might consider his blunt comments supporting the transfer of Arabs, his sympathetic statements regarding the Jewish terrorists, and his national religious outlook that embraces all of South Lebanon as part of Eretz Yisrael.

Lior was considered the chief rabbi of Kiryat Arba even before he received the title," said Varda Frankl, a Jerusalem resident who lived next door to the rabbi for nine years in Kiryat Arba. "He was considered the chief rabbi even without the title. He is well-liked by various ethnic groups, from Yemenite to Ashkenazi. I don't know if there were even other candidates for the position."

"He is so quiet and modest. But he has a deep internal strength," said Frankl, who stood among some two dozen other women watching as Lior, Goren and other Kiryat Arba men danced and sang in the Cave of Machpelah.

Frankl, like other residents, fondly recalled small encounters with Lior.

"I taught piano and my lesson room was right next to his apartment. I was afraid the noise would bother him. But he said 'if only others would make noise at such a lofty level.'"

"Yes he's extreme in his firm stance on Jewish law," Frankl added. "But he's not extreme because unlike the haredim, he doesn't add to the law. He stands for 'Halacha' — no more and no less. He's really



Rabbi Lior receives the 'megilla' declaring his appointment from Shalom Avraham Shapiro (right) looking on; Lior makes a triumphant entry into Kiryat Arba.

an expert on that."

And she sees a distinction between Lior and the Kach movement.

"If the Arabs agree to live with us in peace, it's permissible for them to live here. I've heard him say that. But on the other hand, it's forbidden for them to rule over us."

"The Torah is extreme," said Meir Menachem, a teacher and former student of Lior's at Kiryat Arba's hesder yeshiva. "On the principal of a Greater Israel, he is adamant and forceful — and not willing to surrender. He won't give up part of Eretz Yisrael for an autonomy plan or a peace plan."

Menachem repeated a legend told about the rabbi's scholarly attributes. "They say when Lior came, at a young age, to the Mercaz Harav Yeshiva, he had a hard head and couldn't absorb what they were trying to teach him. Then suddenly, his head opened and he became a *gaon*."

LIOR, 54, was considered a favored pupil at the Mercaz Harav yeshiva of the late Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook, Gush Emunim's spiritual leader. The Polish-born, yeshiva student came to the Mercaz from a yeshiva in Kfar Ha Ro'eh where he studied after first arriving in Israel in 1947 on the Exodus. He came as an orphan, his parents having died of hunger when World War II refugees in Russia.

But while Lior's scholarly reputation may be bright among the Gush Emunim ideologues of Mercaz Harav, it is more marginal in other circles.

Students affiliated with more moderate scholastic centres in the national religious camp, such as the Har Etzion's Gush Etzion Yeshiva for example, are prone to describe Lior's ideas as simplistic.

Even among Gush Emunim moderates, Lior's expressions of sympathy regarding the behaviour of the Jewish terrorists is considered dangerous. His view that Israel is in a state of war with its Arab population is considered ill-founded.



Wach, head of Kiryat Arba's local council with Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi (Pictures: Zoom 77)

One former student recalls that when Lior would speak about the Arabs in Hebron, he often would use the Biblical phrase describing Ishmael: "wildman."

"That would be considered a very primitive statement about the Arabs," said the former student. "But more sophisticated people might think the same thing, they just would say it using different language."

"He is very straight. He says exactly what he thinks. He cares nothing about what people would say. And he hates the media," the former student added. "He is not such a complicated person, he is a clear thinker with clear logic. But for him everything is very extreme."

Lior is also not an overtly political person, admirers and critics say. That lack of political instincts probably contributed to Lior's loss in the bitter 1977 contest for the Jerusalem Ashkenazi chief rabbi's post.

For Lior, his conviction on the boundaries and destiny of Greater Israel is less a political issue than an ideological point of view, they add. In a sense Lior is the flip side of the overtly political Waldman, who shares with Lior directorship of Kiryat Arba's hesder yeshiva.

"Don't write about politics," urged one Lior family member during a series of speeches acclaiming Lior's appointment that kept hundreds of settlers at the yeshiva late into the evening last Sunday. "He is not a political man. He thinks all of this (ceremony) is a waste of time. He would rather be at home studying Torah."

INDEED, THE rabbi's head was bent downward and his eyes covered by one hand as everyone from the Chief Rabbis to local religious council figures heaped praise at the feet of the new chief rabbi, describing him as Israel's leading Torah scholar, and a *gaon* with a spirit as innocent as a child.

Religious Affairs Minister Zevulun Hammer, in a written message

of congratulations compared Lior to the Biblical Calev Ben-Yefune, one of only two spies, among the 12 dispatched by Joshua, who returned with a positive report on Eretz Yisrael.

Ben-Yefune dismissed the fearful reports of the other spies regarding well-fortified cities, and strong inhabitants in Hebron and elsewhere in the land. Hammer's message quoted the famous words that became a slogan for Gush Emunim: "Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it."

Lior, like Ben-Yefune, became a "man of Hebron," added Hammer. "His rabbinite conceives of Hebron as the late Rabbi Kook defined it when he said 'Hebron is the place of the consolidation and the awakening of the strength of the eternity of Israel.'"

Biblical tradition merged and finally meshed with an ultranationalistic political message as other speakers that evening celebrated the "renewal of an old tradition" — the appointment of Lior.

Tzvi Waldman recalled Hebron as the foundation site of the Davidic reign and legacy. Lior, today, is a new light that will shine through Hebron, illuminating all of Eretz Yisrael "until we arrive at the Temple Mount," he said.

Gush Emunim hardliner Moshe Levinger bore a more apocalyptic message.

"Yes, the appointment of a chief rabbi represents the culmination of one stage in the Hebron settlement process. But we are only at the beginning of our road to salvation, with terribly sad days before us, awesome days," said Levinger.

"We are only at the beginning of completing the borders of the land," he added. "The land is not complete. The people of Israel is not complete. There are still many steps missing."

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THE MEETINGS that took place this week in Geneva between PLO leaders and Israeli members of Knesset from the left (and other Israeli leftist activists) is part of a strategy adopted by the 18th Palestine National Council (PNC) in Algiers this year. Matti Steinberg, of the Hebrew University, an expert on the PLO, says that the resolution calling for maintaining contacts with democratic forces in Israel that support the Palestinian interest is surprising.

The dominant feature of this council was the reuniting of the PLO factions: the mainstream Fatah and the leftist factions, comprising the PFLP (headed by George Habash), the DFLP (headed by Naif Hawatme) and the Palestine Communist Party (PCP). Dr. Habash and Naif Hawatme were entirely against the resolution, but did not seek to break up the old new partnership because of it.

According to Steinberg, the resolution shows that Arafat has room for maneuver even in the reunited PLO. Arafat had the same leeway when he met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak last month in Addis Ababa in an attempt to bridge the gap between the PLO and Egypt after the anti-Egyptian resolutions adopted in Algiers in April. The meeting took place despite the vociferous opposition of the PFLP, the DFLP and the PCP, but once again, it did not break up the newly-united front.

Last April's resolution on the same subject was the most comprehensive from the PLO's point of view, because it included Israeli Zionists with whom PLO officials may meet. The resolution on the same subject at the 16th PNC conference was more reserved. It permitted contacts only with Israelis who support Palestinian self-determination (i.e., Rakah). The resolution on that issue at the 15th PNC conference was even more conservative. It was a repetition of a 13th PNC resolution that permitted

contacts only with democratic-Jewish factors who oppose Zionism in theory and in practice.

WIDENING the circle of contacts with Israelis, says Steinberg, was mainly pushed by Yasser Arafat, and this should be notched up to his credit. He divides the attitudes towards the new resolution into three schools of thought.

Those figures supporting contacts with Israelis, even Zionists, include Fatah leaders, headed by Yasser Arafat, writer and poet Mahmud Darwish (an ex-Israeli Arab elected a member of PLO's executive committee in April), Abd el-Razak Yihye (Fatah's representative in Jordan), Abu-Mazen (Mahmud Abbas, a member of the PLO executive committee) and, to a certain extent, also Abu-Iyad (Salah Khalaf) who recently met with Israelis in Budapest.

They believe that these contacts would increase PLO influence inside Israel, while at the same time, widening the gaps within Israeli society and weakening its consensus against the PLO. They believe that some Israelis (they know it is a minority) have already come to the conclusion that the Palestinian problem is one of Israel's main problems: the Palestinians are threatening the very existence of Israel by their demographic superiority.

According to this school of thought in Fatah, Israel's self-

interest requires a solution of the Palestinian problem. The PLO may not control the land, but it controls Palestinian hearts and minds. This group of leaders in Fatah is sure that in the end, Israel will need the PLO in order to reduce the weight of the demographic problem inside a greater Israel.

These Fatah leaders think that after the failure of the agreement with Jordan, the PLO has only two alternatives if it wants to reach a political solution. One is the international conference, with the PLO participating as an independent delegation or as part of an overall Arab delegation, but not in a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. The other alternative is direct negotiations with Israel.

Arafat, Darwish and the other members of this group understand that the Israelis they have met in the past represent marginal groups within Israeli society. Now, according to Steinberg, the PLO wants to widen its circle of Israeli contacts. That is why Arafat raised the name of the Peace Now movement in Geneva this week because he and his colleagues would like to begin a dialogue with them as they have already done with Rakah, the Progressive List, etc.

THERE IS ANOTHER approach in Fatah to the problem of contacts with Israelis. One group of leaders is against such contacts, not because of ideological motivations but rather for pragmatic and practical reasons.

Surprisingly, the members of this group were once considered the real "moderates" among the PLO's leadership like the El-Hassan brothers (Hani and Khaled) and the writer and journalist Sabri Jirisi (an ex-Israeli Arab and the editor of PLO's magazine, *Shu'un Filistiniya*).

Only two years ago, the members of this group were great supporters of dialogue with Jordan. But now the dialogue has ceased, they do not see any real political alternative for the PLO in the near future.

They are against contacts with Israelis because they think these are made only with marginal groups, and that there is no chance of enlarging the circle. Such contacts, they say, legitimize Jordan's and other Arab countries' contacts with Israel, and may also pave the way for a separate dialogue between Israel and Palestinians in the occupied territories.

This group does not believe there is a real chance for the PLO to achieve its goals through an international conference. Ideologically, they are closer to the West, and they are not satisfied with the PLO's new line of alliance with Moscow and the reunion with the leftist factions (PFLP,

DFLP, and the PCP). They do not think that direct contacts with Israel have the slightest chance of changing the Israeli mind.

According to Steinberg, the members of this group have become much more extreme out of despair. Sabri Jirisi, in an unprecedented article in a recent issue of his magazine, vehemently attacked the PLO leadership and called upon the Palestinians for more armed struggle, an improvement in the methods of this struggle and more *Sumud* (steadfastness). "We have to show the world and the Israelis," he wrote, "what is the real price of occupation."

The third school of thought, says Steinberg, is the ideological one represented by the PFLP and its leader Dr. George Habash. The only contacts permissible with Israelis, according to them, are with "non-Zionist Jewish democratic forces" i.e., Rakah. This approach makes a distinction between Jews and Zionists.

The DFLP's approach is almost the same. But, they say, "we cannot change Israel from within."

They oppose any direct negotiations with Israel, saying that the only way would be an international conference relying upon the USSR and its allies. Israel should be forced by the superpowers and other states to evacuate the territories.

And so, when (according to MK Charlie Biton) Yasser Arafat called this week for direct negotiations with Israeli leaders, he was not speaking for a reunited PLO, or even for his own Fatah faction, but for a certain group from within it.

On the other hand, one has to remember that Arafat's statement was made just a few days after the Israeli raid in Ein el-Hilwe, where 50 Palestinians were killed. Considering this Israeli raid and its effect on Palestinians and the open opposition inside his organization to contacts with Israelis, it seemed an uncharacteristically decisive act.

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## Divisions in the PLO over Israeli contacts

Yehuda Litani

## Thinking about the unthinkable

Michael Eilan

BUT WE ARE NOT really at a stage when we can discuss whether it's a good idea to have nuclear bombs. Nobody seems to have addressed himself to the question whether one should talk about nuclear bombs at all.

There is, of course, a policy that limits any official Israeli utterance about nuclear weapons to an extreme minimum. If one were to try to paraphrase the reasoning behind this policy, it would read that it's better to keep the Arabs guessing. And on the face of it, this argument is a forceful one. If Israel were to say that it doesn't have nuclear bombs, nobody would believe it. But if it were to admit publicly that it does have the bomb, the consequences would be bad and immediate.

Aid from the U.S. would probably be curtailed (there is even a provision in American law for such a step) and American opinion would be set against Israel in a drastic manner.

The Arab and Islamic worlds would be given additional motives to

develop a bomb. They might also face fewer obstacles on this course in the form of official and unofficial sanctions against the export of nuclear technology to non-nuclear countries and the Arabs might also have greater recourse to the "poor man's bomb," in the form of chemical and biological warfare.

All of this assumes that Israel does have the bomb which Israelis don't know and don't seem to care about. And the arguments against any public revelation seem so strong that it would be far better to bury the terror in ignorance and enjoy the farce of Vanunu's jollies and their ridiculous attempts to maintain the mystery of the man in the iron mask.

But one is reminded of Pynchon's metaphor about the way in which the missile explodes before the warning sound of its approach. Israelis who have spent some time under enemy artillery shelling can appreciate the

particular terror of a blow with no warning. And the metaphor serves even better when one applies it to a policy of nuclear deterrence, even if the deterrent bomb is acknowledged, or exists only in the minds of the editors of *The Sunday Times*.

It is only a matter of time before Iraq or Pakistan acquire full nuclear capability. If the reports on their progress in this direction are only half true, one has to recognize this as a hard, cold fact. One can also not be sure that the Arab country that develops the bomb will actually be the same country that will use it.

Sophisticated models of nuclear war such as MAD (Mutual Assured Destruction) rely on the possibility of a second strike after the first volley of nuclear weapons has been fired by the enemy. It is this second strike that is meant to reduce all life in the enemy's country to the level of cockroaches and hence deter him

from doing anything foolish.

But Israel cannot play at MAD. Because of its tiny size, it just doesn't have the chips to enter the game. It would take only very few nuclear weapons to destroy any chance of responding with a second strike. Any nuclear-armed enemy would know this, and would also know that there are no Israeli submarines lurking in the depths of the Mediterranean with missiles programmed to hit Baghdad or Damascus after Tel

Aviv has gone the way of all flesh.

If one tries to judge the merits of keeping the Arabs guessing and giving our leaders total trust on an issue that can blow us all to smithereens, one is left with a very uncomfortable feeling. We have just been exposed to a major debate on defence policy - the Lavi - which did not exactly show Israel's elected leaders from all parties in their most glowing light. And just talking about bombs need not constitute an admission that Israel actually has bombs. It is just an attempt to impose rationality on the unthinkable.

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THINKING ABOUT nuclear bombs seems to be a process of contemplating terror and quashing it with detail. Thinking about Israel and nuclear bombs induces the kind of anxiety that obliterates any vague hope of rational thought.

The novelist Thomas Pynchon probably described this terror best with his phrase, "a screaming comes across the sky." Describing the Nazi V2 missile, Pynchon stressed that the sound of the warhead exploding could be heard before the sound of the missile's arrival.

This is an acute description of the dilemma which Mordechai Vanunu has dumped in our laps.

One doesn't know whether Israel has, or does not have, atomic

bombs. The constant stream of foreign reports about Israel's nuclear capability tends to diminish one's faith in the government formula that "Israel will not be the first to introduce nuclear weapons into the region."

Yet the leaders of the people are thinking about bombs and their consequences.

One of several ideas on basic strategic approaches for the IDF suggested that Israel adopt an open nuclear deterrent - saying in effect to its hostile neighbours that Israel could afford to cut back its armed forces.

Whatever, as far as published foreign reports reveal, weapons are kept ready for assembly.

### DENIAL

We the undersigned, of Sephardi origin, residents of Kiryat Sanz in Netanya, feel it our duty to rectify misleading reports and to clarify the facts surrounding the recent media-initiated, so-called racial tension between Sephardi and Ashkenazi residents of the Kirya.

First of all we wish to emphasize that we all chose to live in this particular Kirya because of its suitability to our needs, and specifically because of the excellent neighbourly relations among all segments of the population. The Kirya was founded over 30 years ago, and not only have we not drifted apart from our Ashkenazi neighbours; on the contrary, the close relationship between us is stronger than ever. Some of us even grew up and received our education in the local schools and yeshivot. As youngsters, we were welcomed, cared for and made to feel at home, and today the same applies, for this has always been the way of Kiryat Sanz. On these basic principles of love and unity of Israel, the revered Sanz - Klausenberg Admor established the Kirya and its institutions, and it is with these same principles that they continue to thrive.

Here it should be emphasized that the Rebbe Shlita was one of the first to work actively and tirelessly for the unity of the Ashkenazi and Sephardi communities using as his motto, "We all have one Father and one Tora." Each and every one of the Sanz Institutions was founded on the basis of full integration. What better proof than the tens of Sephardi Kottelniks learning together with their Ashkenazi brethren. What more decisive proof than the Kiryat Sanz Children's Home which has cared for hundreds of homeless and destitute children, the majority of whom have been Sephardim. And what about the organization "Miphat Hashas" through which thousands of Jews learn and are tested on their talmudic knowledge - 50% of them are Sephardim. Many other proofs exist, too many to mention here.

It is in this spirit and system of harmonious integration that hundreds of families, residents of Kiryat Sanz, young and old, live and learn together without arguments, accusations, hatred or prejudice, whether between Sephardim and Ashkenazim, or between Yemenites and Moroccans.

We therefore openly declare that the accusation of racial violence as reported by the media - by unscrupulous journalists - is a blatant lie! These reporters, without checking their facts, transformed a neighbourly quarrel into an all-out racial war - probably as part of their ongoing prejudice against the orthodox community in general.

We reiterate that in Kiryat Sanz there has always been, and there exists today, peace and harmony among the various sections without exception, and we bitterly protest at the inaccurate and unfair picture painted by the media, based solely on the false accusations of a single troublemaker whose sole interest is to cause racial hatred.

We pray that G-d will give renewed guidance to those that stray.

On behalf of the Sephardi Residents of Kiryat Sanz, Netanya:

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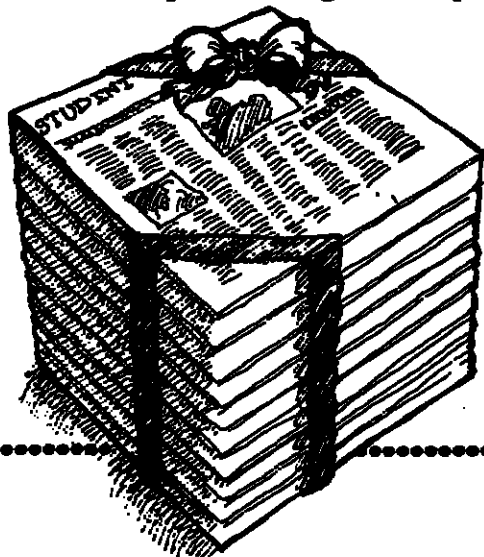
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WELL, WHAT'S he really like? Is he just a Polish anti-Semite under all the P.R.?" is the kind of question that Israelis, insofar as they cast their minds towards the Vatican, tend to ask the likes of Geoffrey Wigoder.

Dr. Wigoder was the only Israeli at Pope John Paul II's recent audience with world Jewish leaders. The nine Jewish participants, while officially members of the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations (IJCIC), actually represented such diverse bodies as the World Jewish Congress, the Synagogue Council of America, the American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith International and the Israel Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations.

The question about what the pope is really like is of course, unanswerable. Wigoder, who is a member of the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry and acting head of the Israel Interfaith Association - and was once an Irish Jew to boot - is measured in his reactions.

"You could call him the ambivalent pope," he says. But he hastened to point out that he saw the meeting at the prime's summer residence and the previous consultations in the Vatican, represented a significant advance in Jewish-Catholic relations. It was not the mere photo-opportunity that some Israeli critics had unkindly suggested.

Wigoder pointed out that this wasn't the first time that Pope John Paul II had met Jewish leaders. What was new about the audience was that it was an informal meeting. There were no prepared statements or speeches and the pope spoke off the cuff, making much use of the two Hebrew words he knows: *Shalom* and *Shoah*. The atmosphere, he said, was spontaneous, and even genial.

The meeting came in the wake of the very sharp Jewish response to the pope's earlier reception of Austrian President Kurt Waldheim.

Wigoder explained this audience, which, like the one he gave six years ago to P.L.O. leader Yasser Arafat was apparently at the pope's own initiative, in a variety of different ways.

First of all he quoted a leading Vatican personality who summed up the pope's accessibility by quipping: "He doesn't refuse an audience to anybody. He'd meet the Devil himself if he asked for it."

There were also reasons of state, such as consolidating ties with Catholic Austria, which was buttressed by the moral reasoning of Vatican officials that even if Waldheim has been accused of wartime crimes against Jews he hasn't been condemned, and the pope cannot be his judge.

But the real reason for the Waldheim visit, in Wigoder's view, may well be that the pope "wants to get to Russia, and has embarked on a policy of *Ostpolitik*."

Austria is a bridge between East and West, and the Soviet Union has so far studiously refrained from condemning Waldheim.

Pope John Paul II was born and raised in the Polish city of Cracow, and is profoundly, and probably primarily, concerned with the fate of Eastern European - and Soviet - Catholics. His closest advisors are Polish. In fact, unkind critics suggest that the Vatican is being run by them.

However, *glasnost* or no *glasnost*, the Soviet Union will need a lot of persuading in order to accede to any papal visit, particularly one by a still very conservative and anti-communist Polish pope.

THE IDEA that a Jewish boycott of the pope's visit to the U.S. this week might grab the headlines in the American press was extremely threatening to a visit already coloured by loud American Catholic questioning about the pope, said Wigoder. Many of them take a dim view of his views on birth control, abortion, Liberation Theology and the celibacy of the clergy. As Wigoder says: "There is a lot of murmuring in the flock."

The anxieties about the Vatican's image in the U.S. may well have prompted some of the results that have emerged from the audience with Jewish leaders at Castel Gandolfo.

A very major one was that the Vatican has now undertaken to produce a document on anti-Semitism and the Holocaust.

# Impressions of Pope John Paul

Geoffrey Wigoder was a member of the Jewish delegation which met the pope last week. He gives his views of the pope's thinking gained during the audience. Susan Bellos reports



reasons, particularly the desire not to upset the Greek Catholics in Lebanon, are very important, many Jews, says Wigoder still feel that the underlying reason for the failure to establish diplomatic relations with Israel is fundamentally theological.

Until 1948, he pointed out, it was still official Catholic teaching that the Jews were expelled from their Land because they did not recognize Jesus. Moreover, the Jews of Rome lived in a medieval ghetto until 1870, when they were liberated by the Italian army.

IT DOES SEEM, Wigoder says, that Pope John Paul II is keenly aware of what happened to Polish Jewry, and is sensitive to Jewish suffering in the Holocaust. He also believes, as the press release stated, that "Nazi ideology was not only anti-Semitic, but also profoundly demonic and anti-Christian." On the other hand, says Wigoder, "he's a very ambivalent person. One day he'll be deeply aware of the Holocaust and the next day he'll be giving his blessing to a Carmelite convent on the site of Auschwitz."

Just after the 20th anniversary of Vatican II, the pope referred to Jews killing Jesus on no less than three separate occasions. Wigoder recalled. Of course, a great deal of what he and other Catholic clergy say is often straight quotation from the New Testament, which is filled with references to the Jews as the murderers of Christ.

Pope John Paul II and his generation of senior advisers are still of the generation, where Catholics did not read the Old Testament, let alone hold it in the same reverence that Protestants do. It may also depend, as Wigoder points out wryly, on "who writes the speeches" of this most public relations oriented pope.

He is clearly a man of great charm and personality. Some of his thinking, such as the perception of American Jewry controlling the U.S. media, may be simplistic, to say the least. What is patently obvious is that he is open to suggestion. Polish conservatism or no, John Paul II is perhaps, as one Vatican observer put it, "being dragged into modernity."

and will consult with Jewish experts about this. The meeting between the Vatican representative and the IJCIC will take place in Jerusalem, when the religious aspects of Holocaust will be discussed.

Apart from having it on record, such a document should help to combat anti-Semitism, which still exists among ordinary Catholics all over the world. Equally important, Wigoder thinks, it could be very useful in promoting a more positive image of Jewish regions such as Africa, where there's a great deal of very hostile Arab and Jew propaganda about both Israel and Jewish Jewry. Wigoder noted that the Catholic Church had already taken steps to combat anti-Semitism in Latin America.

Until now, Wigoder pointed out, contact between the Jews and the Vatican has been on a purely religious level. But owing the September 1 meeting, the Vatican has agreed that there will be some Jewish political representation as well.

According to the official communiqué issued after the audience, "in areas which

are of concern to the world Jewish community and where religious and political issues intertwine, future exchanges between the IJCIC and the Secretariat of State will be possible from time to time. "What this means," says Wigoder, "is that there will be some Jewish input in Vatican circles on problems such as Soviet, or perhaps Ethiopian Jewry."

BUT HOW WARMLY can any Jew really regard a pope who doesn't officially recognize Israel?

Wigoder again referred to the official press release, which noted significantly that "The Pope welcomed the Jewish delegation as representatives of the Jewish people, to whom the existence of Israel is central."

"This in itself," says Wigoder, "is a quantum leap from the 1950s, when the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra gave a special concert inside the Vatican to Pope Pius as a way of thanking him for the Church's efforts on behalf of Italian Jewry in World

War II. The press release following that event said that 'the pope received a group of Jewish refugee musicians.'

It was only after 1965 that the Vatican dropped its Mission to the Jews, thus leaving some Protestants as the only Christians still wanting to convert Jews. That step, of course, followed Vatican II which was created by the great Pope John XXIII, who is still remembered with awe and wonder. Vatican II did away, among many other things, with official Church accusations against the Jews.

Wigoder noted that the Vatican always explained its failure to establish diplomatic relations with Israel as being due to political reasons. It points out, for example, that Israel still has no definite borders and notes that for this reason it also has no diplomatic relations with Jordan. It also cites the problem of the Palestinians, the status of Jerusalem, and its concern about the position of Catholics in neighbouring Arab countries.

While it is certainly true that these

## The fringe and beyond

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FROM OCTOBER 10 to 13, thousands of Israelis will converge on the city of Acre - most of them young, many of them with sleeping bags. This is probably the only heartening mass convergence in the country these days.

The occasion, or the excuse, is the Eighth Festival of Alternative Israeli Theatre at Acre, held in the Knights' Halls, part of a crusader fortress in the old city. Most theatre buffs agree that on the whole, the fringe festival hasn't been artistically stunning since its first year. But if it isn't a purely artistic event, it is a significant opportunity to read the national mind - perhaps the left side of the brain, politically speaking. Its organizers describe it alternatively as a thermometer, barometer and pressure valve for whatever hurts and haunts us.

The fringe festival is supported by the Education and Culture Ministry, of all things, in its cultural administration (formerly branch) under Avner Shalev; also by Omanut La'am (Art for the People) with the personal support of Yossi Frost, who is leaving that office but still working on the festival; and the city of Acre, under mayor Eli da Castro, whose enterprise grows from year to year.

The practical planning is in the hands of manager Avi Yifrah, artistic director Dr. Shimon Levy and board of directors chairman Dr. Eliezer Marcus, who this year takes over from Dr. David Alexander.

At the core of the festival is the competition of plays - nine of them this year - chosen from 80 proposals, Levy says. Each play chosen for the

competition gets a production subsidy out of the festival's NIS 377,910 budget, and prizes will be awarded for the best performance, directorial design and so on.

With each year, the fringe of fringe grows - more plays are outside the competition, and this year those include several returning from past competitions, a sign that some of the productions have gained power. Among the non-competition productions are 23 for adults and nine for children.

There are always street performances, but this year the programme will be greatly expanded in what Yifrah calls "plays in play" or processions. The street element is free and often good entertainment for the whole family. According to Yifrah, as many as 10,000 to 400,000 people come for street events, while the total for capacity is 35,000 for the three-day period.

Aside from an expanded street repertoire, this year's festival will take more notice of the largely Arab old city of Acre, which is being offered in Arabic by the El-Hakawati troupe of the Haifa Municipality, and a fourth by the Taibe community theatre. The problem now is letting the potential audience know about the programme; the independent *Nazzareth paper* *As-Sunna* is helping spread the word, and for the first time a small programme pamphlet will be produced in Arabic.



From left: Miri Fabian, Irit Shiloh and Ruth Geller in "Widows." (Shmuel Ya'ari)

Three evenings of commercial entertainment are planned for the Khan al-Omdan: one by the Gevatron troupe and two evenings of songs by Shalom Hanoch.

IF THE festival is a "barometer" of the youngish, leftist, searching society, what is the air pressure like?

Lowish. Cold fronts edging in on the Zionist dream. One of the plays is called *Zionist Whore* and the title itself is enough to set some segments of the establishment howling. Never mind that it's based on a Sartre play and that it deals with conflicting values inscribed in Israel's Declaration of Independence. It sets up a situation in which a Jewish prostitute is witness to the murder of an Arab by an IDF soldier, and is then the object of pressure from all sides - maybe high pressure, after all - to adapt her story.

Other plays deal for instance with the plight of a worker from Gaza in Tel Aviv-Jaffa's relatively "free"

atmosphere - though less free for him; with returning to the religious fold and departing again; with the disappointments of material success; and with widows fighting over the unidentifiable body of a disappeared person (based on a play by Chilean exile writer Ariel Dorfman).

At the press conference unveiling the festival, some concerned journalists of a less-leftish hue asked whether there were any plays on the agenda in the search for identity that depicted Israelis as human beings. Said Shimon Levy: "The question is 'What is a human being?' That's more important than 'What is an Israeli?'"

Again, he was asked: Is this the land of Ishmael? The answer: If the repertoire is heavily weighted with attention to Arabs, that is only an attempt to correct the fact that they were ignored for so long. Levy added: "I looked for material from the imagined artistic centre which is to the right of the imagined political



Madelaine Lavine and Arthur Ingram, in "Blind Date," a production in English. (Gailly Sass)

centre, if only for the sake of balance." But he found none. Those who are dissatisfied with the politics reflected in the plays are invited to submit work for next year, he said. "As our reality goes farther afield each year, theatre merely responds." Anyway, "even Herzl wanted to see a Zionist whore," he reminded those present. "That was part of normalcy."

SPEAKING of love, more or less, there's a new English theatre project on that subject: three one-act plays, by Frank Marcus, Harold Pinter and Robert Anderson, scheduled for performances at the Jerusalem Khan Theatre on September 16, October 18 and November 22.

The director, Shai Bar-Ya'acov, who was associated with the Agada Hadasha theatre group, leads a theatre workshop in English at the Hebrew University, and also happens to be directing one of the competition plays (in Hebrew) at Acre.

The participants in the evening of one-act plays are from Jest, the Jerusalem English-Speaking Theatre group which has been evolving for the past five years, under the initiative of Sheldon Klimast, Edmund Jonah and others. Jest represented Israel last May at the annual amateur English theatre festival in Dundalk, Ireland.

The second play is Pinter's *The Lover* (Joe Romanelli, Dafnit Axelrod) in which the wife and husband are each other's reality and fantasy - until the husband breaks the unstated rules of the game by trying to combine the two, on his terms, transforming his wife into a whore.

The third presentation - there is a progression of age here, too - gives us an ancient couple in Robert Anderson's *I'm Herbert* (Miri Hacham, Bertram Joseph). Rocking on the porch, they mis-remember their love lives together and with others. As Bar-Ya'acov says, the fury and reminiscence they arouse in each other is almost as good as sex.

Bar-Ya'acov is interested in fantasy and reality in love, and the need of replay in all aspects of life - not a strong point among Israelis, he feels. "Israelis are always 'too old to play,'" says Madeline Lavine, who plays the sassy if dreamy female in Marcus's *Blind Date*.

Says Klimast: "As soon as I hit 50 I decided to play games again." He mumbles something about "male menopause."

Bar-Ya'acov also wanted to redeem some good one-act plays from oblivion. By presenting a trio of them, and playing them off against each other, he achieves a sum which is greater than all of its parts.

The first selection, *Blind Date*, (with Lavine and Arthur Ingram, who also did the sets) gives us two people waiting for their blind dates at Charing Cross Station, the young woman seeking escape from her mild, all-too-caring boyfriend, and the older man wanting relief from his stable marriage and happy family. They are waiting for each other, in fact, but only find that out when it's too late.

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Bernard Cherrick, vice-president of the Hebrew University, talks with Bernard Josephs

# An optimist in hard times

THOUGH HE admits he is old enough and experienced enough to know better, Hebrew University Vice-President Bernard Cherrick is one of the few optimists still to be found in Israel's battered higher-education system.

Perhaps it's the Irish in him that allows the Dublin-born elder statesman of the nation's most prestigious — and most hard-up — centre of academic excellence to keep smiling, while all around exude gloom and doom.

More likely, 40 years of battling the odds and winning have provided him with a never-say-die attitude that puts some of his younger colleagues to shame. After all, he pointed out, when he started work there, as a director of information and organization, the university was just a handful of buildings scattered around Jerusalem.

Today, whatever its financial headaches, it glories in two big campuses, at Mount Scopus and Givat Ram, and has thousands of students. All this, he smiled, is a long way from the days when the administrative headquarters was housed in converted stables.



And few of today's university executives can claim, as Cherrick can, that they had to defy rifle bullets and grenades in order to get to work. In fact, it is something of a miracle that he is anything more than a tiny footnote in the institution's record books.

Just a few months after he began work at the university in December 1947, Cherrick was riding from Mount Scopus in a bus packed with passengers when shots rang out. The driver was hit and, as the vehicle went out of control, only the quick thinking of his colleague Jack Susman prevented a disaster. He grabbed the wheel and managed to turn the vehicle into another road seconds before it would have smashed into a wall.

The Hebrew University — to say nothing of the ebullient Cherrick, now in his 73rd year — has reason to be thankful for that fortunate turn of the wheel. The survival of the former Liverpool yeshiva student and doctor of sociology has resulted in the raising of millions of dollars to ensure the development of the institution.

CHERRICK EMBARKED in September 1948 on his first trip to the U.S. to raise funds — and he has hardly touched ground since. He has travelled millions of miles on behalf of the university, visiting Jewish communities all over the world and playing a major part in setting up the global network of Friends of the Hebrew University, whose donations today are a vital source of in-

come to the cash-starved HU.

That first trip, Cherrick recalled, provided a rough introduction to his globe-trotting role. With the country still at war, it took a week for a plane to be available. Then the ancient airplane broke down three times en route, in Cyprus, Greece and finally Rome, where it was taken into custody by the local authorities, having landed without permission.

Cherrick managed to get to London, where, with the financial help of his family, he continued to the U.S.

Today, of course, he no longer flies in aircraft that rely more on luck than engineering. But his itinerary is staggering. In the past 18 months he has travelled to the U.S. five times, Canada twice, Argentina and South Africa. After Succot he has planned trips to the U.S., Venezuela and Canada.

"In the old days flying was a bit rough and it took a long time to get to most places. For instance, a trip to Australia in 1948 took five days. Today, I can get there in two days. But the truth is I quite enjoy it," said Cherrick.

AS FAR AS the university is concerned it is the work he does after landing that counts and he admits he is a pretty good fund-raiser.

"I like to stress the positive, not tell sob stories about how hard up we are," he said. "Of course I talk about our crisis. But what I want to get across is the importance of the Hebrew University in Jewish life."

The well-publicized difficulties faced by the institution have not damaged the HU in the eyes of its donors, said Cherrick. Nobody, he said, has refused to give as a result of the situation — although some have requested that their money be used for specific projects rather than be sunk into meeting the multi-million dollar deficit.

In fact, said Cherrick, the friends organizations are making tremendous efforts to boost the amount they raise.

The vice-president said he was as concerned as anyone about the crisis the university is wrestling with. But, he insisted, he was optimistic.

The institution is committed to remaining closed unless it can present a balanced budget by the end of next month. Any government aid can provide the funds to make this possible, and so far there have been no signs that the cash will be forthcoming.

"They are worrying us to death," said Cherrick, "but I have a feeling — call it a gut feeling if you like — that at the last minute the government will come round and help us save the situation."

"Not to do so would be ridiculous behaviour. The sums needed are so small, when compared with the national budget, that I can't believe they will not help save higher education in Israel and I'm not just talking about the Hebrew University."

The crisis, Cherrick insisted, had its roots in the failure by successive governments to understand the importance of the universities.

"Year after year they have reduced government funding and yet this is a country with few natural resources other than brainpower. If the government does not step in it may save a few million dollars, but it will also be mortgaging the nation's future."

## Benny Morris goes riding the rapids on the Hasbani River in Upper Galilee

APART FROM a rather unappetizing rape-murder scene, *Deliverance*, starring Burt Reynolds, was a rather enjoyable film. Careening down the rapids, bouncing on rocks, tangling with convoluted river growth, breathing the sharp river air, all appeared to be a wholesome, healthy experience.

Last weekend my family and I partook of a little piece of *Deliverance*, on the Hasbani River, which feeds the Jordan, and it wasn't anything like it seemed on the screen. Indeed, it is nothing short of scandalous.

You rent the tire tubes, buy plastic sandals and a string for your glasses, so they don't fall off, and park the car at an inner tubing centre run by Kibbutz Ma'ayan Baruch just off the Kiryat Shmona-Dan road. There you also arrange for transport back to the car from Huliot, the point some six kilometres downstream where you end the tube cruise.

At the centre you are given a five-minute briefing by one of the kibbutz members employed in the enterprise. He told us that there were three possible routes — difficult, medium and "family." He said: Children under seven and anyone who couldn't swim shouldn't try any of them; the difficult route was not for the under-10-year-olds. Stay to the left, don't drift to the right bank, where there are brambles, and enjoy yourself.

That was it.

WE CHOSE the medium route, which starts at "Point 20" about 300 yards south of the road; it was to have taken 90 minutes to get to Huliot.

We got into the water, and almost immediately the rapids knocked my wife out of her tube. She clung to an overhanging branch for dear life, her face pale. A short, sharp struggle against the elements (water and fear) and she was back in the stream plunging rapidly along with the three siblings, aged 10, 12 and 13. I followed.

I capsized immediately. I clutched the tube under one arm and dog-paddled ineffectually with the other as the current swept me downriver, bouncing my legs, hips and belly on successive clusters of rocks lurking just under the surface. I had no control of direction and barely avoided smacking into rocks and overhanging branches. I was unable to get back into the tube.

Two or three hundred metres downstream, the current swept me



No complaints from these holidaymakers on the B...

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## River hazards

to the right bank, where brambles raked my arm and side as I tried to get hold of a stable root or branch. I had completely lost track of my family, who were either fighting their own desperate little battle with the elements or simply enjoying the ride.

Eventually, having expended about half my weekly intake of calories, I got back into the tube and tried to get back into the mainstream of river life — only to encounter another set of rapids, again overturning my tube. Once more, I was pressed by the current towards the right bank.

I no longer cared about brambles, cuts and scratches. I realized, on the verge of panic, that this was serious. Long, desperate seconds passed before I was able to find purchase on a

small root and take refuge a little nook. The relatively weak current meant that I could avoid being swept back into the mainstream just for a while. I clung tightly to overhanging branches. But as minutes passed, I felt my thigh ebbing.

ABOUT A HUNDRED yards downriver, I noticed, my family or its thereof had stopped at a point where a small tree trunk almost blocked the river. I weighed whether to stay my niche until the firetrucks or rescue helicopters arrived, or to make my way to the tree trunk as my family downstream.

I chose movement, and after several heart-stopping minutes, in which I was twice done in, Absalom

style, by overhanging branches and vines, I made it to the tree trunk. I found my daughter safely on shore and my wife and older son battling to retrieve my younger son, who had almost been sucked under the trunk by the rapids. Eventually we all struggled to shore, along with three Argentinians — two large, healthy young males and a pale, shaken female — who had also gone aground on the tree-trunk dam. I think we were pretty lucky.

At this point there was a clearly-trodden path through the brambles from the river bank to a nearby field, obviously a sign that a great number of would-be adventurers had taken this early route out. After some discussion — perhaps we should try the "family" route? — we decided to

return on foot to base, which was only some 500-700 metres to the north.

At the inner tubing centre, there was little sympathy for our fate. They'd seen it all before. My wife complained to the manager that in his briefing he had in no way conveyed the dangers involved in the "medium" route. Lying, he told her that he had said it was appropriate only for 16-year-olds and over. (He had spoken only of seven- and 10-year-olds.) Adding insult to injury, they were unwilling even to refund us the money we had paid in advance for being ferried back from Huliot to the centre — a ferry service we had performed dispensed with.

Later I heard that at least four persons had drowned or otherwise died on the Hasbani in the past year or so doing the inner tube cruise.

I MUST add here that I am a fairly good swimmer and have done a few dangerous or at least frightening things in my time. But inner tubing on the Hasbani, under current conditions, is not something that should be allowed and certainly it is not something that should be promoted or organized, as it is, by a kibbutz or any other aspiring entrepreneur.

There appears to be no Tourism or Health Ministry supervision of this facility, which is clearly very dangerous to life and limb; there are no age limitations or clear warnings about what is in store; there is no on-the-spot supervision by the entrepreneurs. There is no way of knowing when someone is in trouble or of intervening in time to help; there are no easily accessible way-stations or means of communication along the river; and there are a variety of natural hazards (branches, tree trunks and large rocks on or just below the surface) that could and should be cleared away before anyone is allowed to try the course.

Having tried the course, I feel that the Tourism Ministry should close it down immediately — before more people die — and keep it closed until the appropriate arrangements are introduced. And perhaps the Hasbani river tube-tube cruise raises a more general question about state supervision of safety conditions and regulations in other recreational or sports facilities, such as the various waterslide complexes along the Kinneret and elsewhere in the country. Who is responsible for supervising them? Is there any effective supervision? And if there are clear dangers to life and limb, who can and should step in?

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The Tora portion for this week is Ki Tavo (Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8). The Haftara is Isaiah 60:1-22.

"WHEN YOU have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the first fruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land...go to the place...and say to the priest in office at the time: I declare today...that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us" (Deuteronomy 26:1-3).

At what point does one really "arrive" in the Land and is established enough to utter such an unequivocal declaration? When does one feel beyond any doubt, that he is no longer a tourist, nor has the status of a temporary resident or any other kind of alien in his own country? Only when he can show that he has produced something out of the soil of the land, something that was not here prior to his arrival.

Some years ago I heard the following ironic description of the three stages of *hevel kelia* ("absorption pangs") the oleh to Israel goes through during the first five years after his aliya: the first year he is angry and full of complaints against the aliya *shlichim* (emissaries) of the Jewish Agency, who fed him with misinformation in regard to the aliya process and the privileges to which he is entitled as a new oleh in importing tax-exempted goods to the country. The second year, he is angry and full of complaints against the officials at the Ministry of Absorption, who did not help him enough in materializing his privileges as a new oleh in securing mortgages and loans for housing. The third year he is angry and full of complaints against the Treasury and the banks for inadequate advice and guidance regarding his privileges as a new oleh to open foreign currency accounts. The fourth year, he is angry and full of complaints against the military, when he is called up for a much shortened army service as part of his privilege as a new oleh.

He does not feel that he has "made it" and is not ready to say "today...I came to the Land", until the fifth year, when he is angry and



The Children of Israel cross the Jordan.

full of resentment against...those new immigrants who expect to get all kinds of privileges.

The great 2,000-year-old Jewish dream of going up to the Land, coming home from exile, is marred by all kinds of material "incentives." What is worse is that even with those incentives and the work of dozens of *shlichim* and huge budgets for the encouragement of aliya, we have the paradoxical situation that those Jews who want to come home to their land cannot do so and those who can, do not want to.

ONE DOES NOT have to wait for the future historian to wonder at this strange phenomenon and ask what ever happened to aliya, after the large waves of mass immigration following the establishment of the State of Israel? For 2,000 years we have dreamed, poured our hearts out in prayer, to come back to Zion. Now that Zion is there, yearning for her children, we at best come to visit her occasionally as tourists. Even in this respect, we are still shocked by the statistics published recently that fewer than 12 per cent of the Jews in the free world have ever visited Israel!

Aliya, the term used for emigrating to the Land of Israel, means literally "going up." It has since biblical times had the connotation of

a spiritual ascent, an uplifting of the soul.

Jews throughout the generations were willing to give anything for the privilege to go on aliya. Even in the past century there were those who travelled for months, sometimes for years, along the most hazardous routes to get to the Land. We are told of great talmudic rabbis who kissed the ground when they reached the borders of Eretz Yisrael after giving up their careers and risking their lives in the process of their aliya.

The amazing question concerning the lack of aliya in recent decades is especially poignant in relation to the religious Jew who faithfully follows the ways of Tora. He who says in his prayer, "Because of our sins, we were exiled from our Land," now continues to be exiled by his own free choice. This age-old prayer should perhaps be read "because of our sins, we are (still) exiled," as, according to most classical sources of Jewish law, it is a binding commandment even in our days to go up to live in the Land.

Not only did the Ramban (Rabbi Moshe b. Nahman, Nahmanides, 1194-1270) postulate that settling in Eretz Yisrael is a positive commandment ordained in the written Tora (Deuteronomy 19:1), even the Rambam (Rabbi Moshe b. Maimon,

Maimonides, 1135-1204), against whom Nahmanides argues for not including this mitzva in his tally of the 613 mitzvot (see the "Book of Commandments," Mitzva 4) speaks in glowing terms about settling in Israel and the absurdity of self-imposed exile. Since being away from the Land is seen in Jewish thought and history as an outright punishment, who in his right mind would inflict further penalty upon himself when he is called by providential history to terminate this undesirable condition of exile and return home?

IT IS NOT only Halacha (Jewish law) which sees aliya as a religious duty (see the conclusive response on the subject in Rabbi Shaul Israeli's *Eretz Hemda*, Jerusalem 1982). Jewish thought also condemns abstaining from settling in Israel as an aberration from the essence of being Jewish.

Many years before the emergence of the modern Zionist movement, the Maharal of Prague, one of the giants of Jewish thought (d. 1699) wrote in the opening chapter of his book *Netzach Yisrael*:

"There is no doubt that exile means change and departure from the order. The Almighty placed every nation in its proper place, and He also set Israel in its proper place, which is in the Land of Israel. According to the order of things, Israel's place is in Eretz Yisrael and under their own rule, not subjected to the rule of others. Moreover, dispersion as such is an abnormal state...and that is why the dispersion of Israel among the nations is an abnormal, even an unnatural phenomenon, since as one people they should all be together, as one...Now, this state of affairs, of Israel being in exile, is not the natural order of reality. Thus from exile we can perceive redemption."

Not merit this privilege, is held up as a punishment for their sins. Moses' plea with God to let him enter the

## Pinhas Peli's Tora Today

Land (Deuteronomy 3:23) was much embellished in the Midrash as the greatest aspiration of his life. As we know, his heartfelt request was not granted, but it left an indelible mark on all future generations.

Redemption means the end of exile, going home to the land of Israel; in short, aliya, which so many generations tried, but alas, were unable to accomplish. Even in the Tora, reaching the Land seems to be considered a major achievement. The fact that Moses and Aaron did

It is in this spirit that we understand the fervour of the thanksgiving statement expressed during the *bikkurim* (offering of the first fruit) ceremony. "I declare today...that I have come to the Land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us."

It is interesting to note that the lengthy thanksgiving oration that accompanies the *bikkurim* refers alternately to "the Land," "the place" and "the soil," to impress upon us that we are not dealing with a remote dream, or with an abstract

spiritualized holy land, but with "this place" and "this Land" and a "soil" that bears the fruit of our toil, all concrete entities promised to us by God.

The same concreteness permeates the words of the prophet, in the Haftara (Isaiah 60:4), when he speaks about the wonders of the "ingathering of the exiles":

"Raise your eyes and look about: They have all gathered and come to you. Your sons shall be brought from afar, your daughters like babes on shoulders. As you behold you will glow, your heart will throb and thrill."

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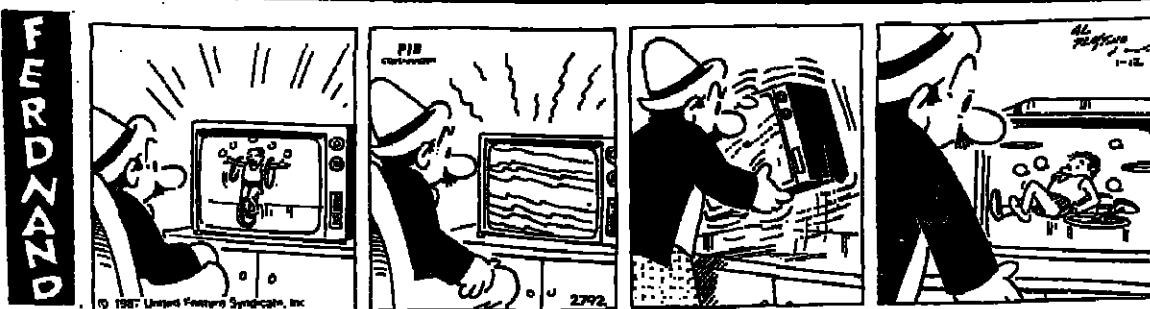
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# Zionist political envoys: system continues despite the criticism

Charles Hoffman, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The World Zionist Organization body now re-organizing the system of shlihim (emissaries) in the U.S. seems bent on preserving the blatant imbalance in the allocation of youth movement emissaries, which works against the Reform and Conservative movements and favours the appointees of Israeli political parties.

The Landau Commission report on the emissary system issued about two years ago noted that the tens of thousands of teenagers in the Reform and Conservative youth movements offer a good potential for Zionist activity. The commission, headed by retired Supreme Court Justice Moshe Landau, recommended that these two movements be given a more equitable share of the shlihim sent to the U.S.

The youth movements affiliated to Israeli political parties and other veteran Zionist organizations have an estimated 20,000 members in the U.S., but are assigned 48 shlihim. The Reform and Conservative youth organizations - the National Federation of Temple Youth and United Synagogue Youth, respectively - together have about 40,000 members, but only five shlihim. The Reform and Conservative movements have persistently sought a greater number of shlihim for their youth in the U.S., but were rebuffed by the parties that control the system in the WZO.

The mainstream Orthodox youth movement, the National Council of Synagogue Youth, has about 10,000 members and only three shlihim. But the Religious Zionist B'nei Akiva movement, with eight shlihim, also serves the Orthodox.

The WZO supreme committee on shlihim last year dispatched Aluf (Res.) Moshe Nativ to the U.S. to draw up plans to reorganize the emissary system, based on a selective application of the recommendations of the Landau Commission. Copies of Nativ's proposals, which will be discussed in Jerusalem this month, have been obtained by *The Jerusalem Post*.

The main conclusion of the Landau Commission was that the shlihim system should be depoliticized by removing it from the control of the WZO departments. This recommendation was endorsed last year by the Zionist General Council, but was ignored by the WZO executive, which had the final say on how the recommendations would be put into practice.

At a meeting of the supreme committee on shlihim several months ago, Landau sharply criticized the way the recommendations were being implemented.

In a paper analysing the problems of the emissary system in North America, Nativ wrote that "the youth movements that represent Israeli political parties and outlooks are weak and have no influence in the American Jewish community. These movements have no organizations that can back them financially and support them on the local scene, as Hadassah does for its movement Hashahar [Young Judea]."

The movements referred to are Habonim-Dror, affiliated with the Labour Party; Masada, linked with the General Zionists and Liberals; B'nei Akiva of the Mizrahi; Hashomer Hatzair of Mapam; and Betar, linked with Herut.

Furthermore, Nativ wrote, these movements do not fit in with the realities of American Jewish life. "Their scope of activity is limited and the number of their graduates who make aliya is small." A partial exception in this respect, he noted, is

B'nei Akiva. Instead of recommending an increase in shlihim for the movements in the U.S. which have the largest number of youth and which are interested in having a more intensive Israeli input, Nativ concluded that the synagogue youth organizations should make do with what they have now. But he recommended that teacher shlihim and youth movement shlihim who do not have enough to do in their main jobs be asked to work with synagogue youth as well.

In practice, this means that the Reform and Conservative movements will be asked to provide work for under-employed emissaries such as Orthodox teachers or secular kibbutzniks - many of whom don't speak English very well and are not well versed in the American Jewish scene. But these movements will be denied the opportunity to select more of their own emissaries and train them to work with their own youth.

There are now about 250 Zionist emissaries in the U.S. Of this number, 140 are teachers in religious schools and 60 are attached to various youth organizations.

There are 17 aliya shlihim who specialize in promoting aliya and processing those interested in moving to Israel. There are also 17 community shlihim, who encourage young people to come to Israel on tours and educational programmes, and who organize Israel-related activities in the community. In addition, there are another 13 positions that combine the functions of aliya shlihim and community shlihim.

Nativ concluded that the aliya shlihim in its traditional form is not an effective means for encouraging Jews to move to Israel. For this reason, and in order to save money and reduce duplication, Nativ recommends that the aliya shlihim be combined with the community shlihim in as many communities as possible.

Observers of the American Jewish scene expect that it will not be easy to persuade several dozen additional Jewish communities to host a combined shlihim that involves the active promotion of aliya.

Furthermore, Nativ has proposed that many of these combined shlihim positions be taken over by under-employed youth movement shlihim, many of whom are political appointees. Thus instead of looking for ways to recruit the most qualified people for the demanding role of combined shlihim, the WZO is focusing its efforts on finding ways to keep as many youth movement emissaries as possible in the field.

It costs about \$55,000 a year on the average to maintain a shlihim and his or her family in the U.S., in addition to budgets for programming and travel. In many cases, these costs are shared between the WZO departments and local community organizations.

The veteran American Zionist establishment had little input into Nativ's initial recommendations and is now demanding to be consulted. The old-line American Zionist leadership has for years sought influence over the WZO's activities in the U.S., but has usually been ignored by Jerusalem.

Nativ himself based his planning on the assumption that the American Zionist establishment represented "an aging movement lacking in creativity, influence and attractiveness, because there is nothing that distinguishes it in practice from the pro-Israel elements who are not members of Zionist frameworks."

## Alban Berg Quartet ends visit

THE Alban Berg Quartet will end their visit here with a concert in Haifa tomorrow night (Saturday Sept. 12). They have also performed in Rehovot, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem - a total of five Beethoven string quartets in different combinations of two or three per concert.

In a brief interview between rehearsals in a suite at the Dan Panorama Hotel in Tel Aviv, the quartet's first violinist and spokesman, Gunther Fichler, said the quartet usually plays programmes including classical, romantic and twentieth century music. "We have been asked many times to do a Beethoven cycle and have refused, but now we feel it's time." They performed the same works in Salzburg before coming here and will be playing Beethoven in London next week.

Violinist Thomas Kakuska added that though Israeli audiences are very critical, it is obvious that they love music. "It's nice to play for people whom you know are really interested in what you're doing," he said.

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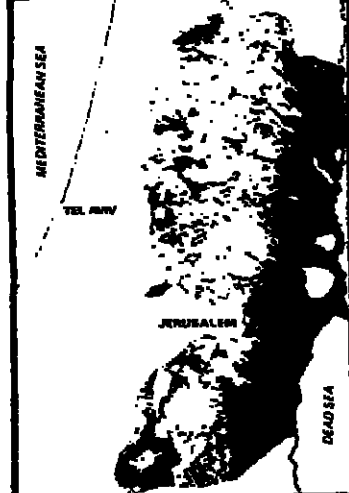
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## U.S. OPEN

## Lendl whips McEnroe, Evert falls to McNeil

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Top seed and defending champion Ivan Lendl hauled eighth seed John McEnroe's comeback with a totally convincing but ultimately anti-climactic 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 quarter-final win at the Flushing Meadows on Wednesday night.

The much-anticipated showdown between the two rivals began to fall flat very early as the Czechoslovak thwarted McEnroe's serve-and-volley game by drilling passing shots down the line and dropping lobs on the baseline.

The usually explosive McEnroe was on his best behaviour in front of a capacity 21,016 on Wednesday night, the first time the "Louis Armstrong Stadium" had been full during the two-week tournament.

"I had to back him off the net because he's so quick from the net," Lendl said afterwards.

McEnroe said: "For some reason today I just didn't have it. It's difficult to play someone that good when you're not at the top of your game. He just outplayed me." The American did little to help his cause by serving three double faults in the seventh game of the first set to give Lendl the first break of the match at 4-3.

By contrast, Lendl's serve was rock solid. He held to love four times and did not allow McEnroe a single break opportunity during the entire match.

The big shock of the day was 11th-seeded American Lori McNeil's 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 victory over third-seeded Chris Evert in the women's quarter-finals. This is Evert's earliest exit from the U.S. Open since she began her professional career in 1971.

Evert's serve, never the strongest part of her game, completely deserted her in the last two sets. But the telling factor that really ruined the third seed was her inability to control her ground-strokes.

McNeil's victory ended two historic streaks for 32-year-old Evert. This is the first time in her career that she will miss the semi-finals. It will also be the first time for 13 years



GRACE - Lori McNeil plays a perfect backhand past Chris Evert. McNeil beat the Grand Old Lady.

that the six-time U.S. Open champion will not have won at least one Grand Slam event during a year.

Another veteran, Jimmy Connors has advanced to the last four, a distinction he has achieved every year

for the last 14 years. The sixth seed, and a five-time holder of the U.S. Open title, came from a set down to beat Brad Gilbert, the 13th seeded Californian who put out Boris Becker in the quarter-finals. Con-

ners, 35 last week, won 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-0.

For Gilbert, who has beaten Connors only once in six outings, this was the first time he had reached the last eight. Connors now plays Lendl for a place in Sunday's final, a stage he has reached seven times.

Connors volleyed his way to victory over Gilbert, he managed to control the points off Gilbert's weak second serve as he constantly set the 13th seed up with deep ground-strokes to the corners, and then rushed the net to put away backhand volley winners.

Connors, asked if he was as relaxed as he looked on centre court, said: "I may smile and laugh and I'm out there having a good time but I'm serious as hell. I'm still out there giving it everything I've got."

Earlier in the day, India's Ramesh Krishnan, playing some of the best tennis of his career, became the only unseeded player to reach the quarter-finals with a solid 6-4, 6-1, 6-2 win over Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union. He will face second seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden in his quarter-final.

Edberg defeated compatriot Jonas Svensson 6-3, 7-6 (10-8), 6-3 in a rain delayed match.

The other quarter-final being contested on late last night was between third seed Mats Wilander of Sweden and last year's runner-up, Miloslav Meck of Czechoslovakia. Wilander also had to complete a rain-delayed fourth round match, defeating American Ken Flach 6-3, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) while Meck, the fifth seed, defeated Australian qualifier Mark Woodford 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 in another fourth round match.

In other women's quarter-final matches on Wednesday, defending champion and second seed Martina Navratilova overpowered eighth-seeded Argentine Gabriela Sabatini 7-5, 6-3 and top seed Steffi Graf swept past past fifth-seeded American Pam Shriver 6-4, 6-3.

Sabatini, 17, used a greater variety of shots than usual but the occasional unforced error gave 36-year-old Navratilova the edge and she dominated with her serve-and-volley game.

In the men's doubles quarter-finals, the second seeded American pairing of Ken Flach and Robert Seguso beat eighth seeds Paul Anconino and Mike DePalmer, also of the U.S., 6-2, 7-6 (7-4). Other results: Andrei Gorn and Stepan Zverev (6) beat Mats Wilander and Joakim Nyström (6) 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4); Sergio Casal and Emilio Sanchez (3) beat David Pate and Scott Davis (11) 6-2, 6-2, 6-4; Anders Jarryd and Stefan Edberg (1) beat Jorge Lujan and Todd Witsken 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Women's doubles quarter-finals: Pam Shriver and Martina Navratilova (1) beat Elise Burgin and Robin White (7) 6-1, 6-3.

In the junior doubles, the two Israeli boys, Ravi Weidenfeld and Boaz Merenstein were beaten by Fabio Silerberg of Brazil, and the boy's top seed, Jason Stoltenberg of Australia, the score 6-3, 7-6 (7-4).

## BASEBALL

## For Doyle it must be September



Darryl Strawberry

NEW YORK (AP) - In 1988, Doyle Alexander may celebrate New Year's Day on September 1, Valentine's Day on September 14, and Christmas on September 25.

"I think I'll get a calendar next year and write 'September' on every month," Alexander said after beating Baltimore 6-0 to complete a doubleheader sweep for the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday night.

The six-hitter gave Alexander a 12-3 record in September since 1984 and was his fifth consecutive victory and second shutout since the Tigers acquired him from Atlanta on Aug. 12.

The Tigers' 7-4 victory in the first game, Alexander's win and Milwaukee's 6-4 defeat of Toronto gave Detroit a 1-5 game lead in the American League East.

"I think it's going to be a tight race," Alexander said. "If any ball club pulls away, I hope it's us." Detroit manager Sparky Anderson said Alexander's record could be even better.

"He's pitched so well for us," Anderson said. "He should be 6-0. His first game, we messed around and lost it."

Alexander, who walked one and struck out six, twice stranded runners at third base before Detroit snapped a scoreless tie with five runs in the fourth inning off Mike Boddicker, 10-8.

In the opener, Detroit took a 4-0 lead in the first inning on Bill Madlock's two-run homer, an RBI triple by Alan Trammell and a run-scoring double by John Grubb. Loser Ken Dixon, 7-9, lasted only three batters.

Nokes, who had four hits in the twinbill, hit his 28th homer in the third to make it 6-0.

Walt Terrell, 13-10, allowed nine hits in six-plus innings while winning his fourth straight decision. He is now 2-8 on the road, where he had lost his four previous games.

Brewers 6, Blue Jays 4

Milwaukee rallied for four runs in the seventh inning against Toronto, keyed by B.J. Surhoff's two-out, two-run single.

Blue Jays starter Jim Clancy had 10 strikeouts and a 4-2 lead entering the seventh, but the Brewers came back against Clancy and relievers Duane Ward and Tom Henke.

Surhoff's single broke the tie and made a winner of Mark Clever, 7-5, who stopped a Toronto rally in the seventh and pitched the final three innings.

Red Sox 5, Yankees 3

Roger Clemens pitched hitless

dugout that we should try to break Rawley's rhythm," Strawberry said. "Rawley wanted to work fast, but with Keith and myself stepping out, we slowed him down and broke his rhythm."

Strawberry also had a double to set a single-season team record for extra-base hits with 62. It was his fourth multiple-homer game of the season and 15th of his career.

Rick Aguilera, 8-2, went seven-plus innings to gain his fifth straight victory, although he needed help from Jesse Orosco, Rawley, 17-8, took the loss, allowing five runs on six hits in five-plus innings.

Astros 4, Giants 2

Houston's Nolan Ryan struck out a league-high 16 batters in eight innings as the Astros defeated San Francisco to move within 4.5 games of the visiting NL West Division-leading Giants.

Ryan, 7-14, boosted his strikeout total to a major league-leading 226 for the season in only 176 innings.

He extended his major league record to 172 games with 10 or more strikeouts, fanning 10 of the last 12 batters he faced, including the last five. It was his highest strikeout total since he struck out 16 in 1979, when he was with the California Angels. His previous high came in 1977, also with the Angels, when he fanned 19.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST			
	W	L	Pct.
Detroit	81	54	.600
Toronto	53	56	.487
New York	78	61	.562
Milwaukee	76	63	.547
Boston	66	72	.478
Baltimore	66	74	.466
Chicago	53	84	.386

WEST DIVISION			
	W	L	Pct.
Minnesota	75	66	.532
Oakland	71	66	.511
Kansas City	69	70	.496
California	67	72	.482
Seattle	66	73	.475
Texas	65	74	.466
Chicago	59	80	.425

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES: Oakland 11, Texas 7; Detroit 7, Baltimore 4, (1st game); Detroit 6, Baltimore 0, (second game); Boston 5, New York 3; Seattle 9, Cleveland 4; Minnesota 2, Chicago 1; Milwaukee 6, Toronto 4.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST			
	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	81	57	.587
New York	80	59	.576
Montreal	79	59	.572
Philadelphia	71	66	.511
Chicago	68	70	.493
Pittsburgh	65	74	.468

WEST DIVISION			
	W	L	Pct.
San Francisco	75	65	.536
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Cincinnati	70	70	.500
Atlanta	60	78	.435
Los Angeles	58	81	.417
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## SOCCER ROUNDUP

## The big game: Betar v Maccabi

Post Sports Staff

If league soccer got off to something of a limp start last weekend then the second round of matches provides precisely the right ingredients to toss off the summer slumbers and spark the season off on a dynamic road. No fewer than four games offer very attractive fare.

None better than Bloomfield Stadium in Jaffa where an enticing double-header involving, first, two of the most mercurial teams in the country, and then, two of the most talented, is on the bill.

No prizes for guessing the game of the day. It pits last year's champions, Betar Jerusalem, nigh invincible then, against the cup-holders - and many people's choice to inherit Betar's championship mantle - Maccabi Tel Aviv. Betar were among the surprise losers on the opening Satur-

day, but with midfield maestros Uri Malmilian and Sami Malca expected to make at least partial returns, they will be looking to shrug off their present blues. Maccabi, on the other hand, are buoyant after winning both the pre-season Lillan Cup and turning in a storming performance against Shimshon last week. But they still lack Eli Dricks (out injured) up front. Betar, incidentally, may be in position to slot in Moshe Seliktor, acquired from Maccabi Haifa in such unusual manner over the past few weeks.

This should prove the battle royal of the weekend, especially as it ranges against one another the two famous "Shims" (S's) of yesteryear - Mordechai Spiegel, who has assumed the coaching position in the capital, and Giora Spiegel, who has returned from his successful building

of a youthful Hapoel Petah Tikva outfit to his natural football home with Maccabi.

Prior to the main fixture at Bloomfield, Hapoel Tel Aviv are entertained on their home turf by the enigmatic Shimshon (who, like Betar, also utilize Bloomfield as their home ground). Shimshon always seem out to emulate the little girl with the curl in the middle of her forehead - very good when they are good and horrid when they are bad. Even without the injured Gidi Dantni, Avinoam Ovadia and Ephraim Arbib, the Yeminite Quarter side have a knack of producing their most flowing football against the best opponents. Hapoel Tel Aviv are determined that their season will not get off on an awful footing as last year, when it took them eight rounds to register a victory.

**WEEKEND FIXTURE LIST** (Parallel fixture last season in parentheses)  
 Betar Jerusalem v Maccabi Tel Aviv - Bloomfield 4:30 (2-1)  
 Shimshon v Hapoel Tel Aviv - Bloomfield 2:30 (0-0)  
 Hapoel Lod v Betar Tel Aviv - Lod Friday 4:00 (1-1)  
 Hapoel Zefelim Tel Aviv v Mac Petah Tikva - Holon Friday 4:30 (-)  
 Hapoel Beersheva v Hapoel Kfar Sava - Beersheva 4:30 (1-2)  
 Hapoel Petah Tikva v Mac Netanya - Petah Tikva 4:30 (2-1)  
 Maccabi Haifa v Bnei Yehuda - Kfar Yehoshua 6:30 (5-2)

## EUROPEAN SOCCER

CARDIFF (Reuters) - Wales, missing injured Juventus striker Ian Rush, had his regular international partner, Mark Hughes, to thank when they beat Denmark 1-0 to move to the top of the European Soccer Championship qualifying group six.

Hughes, a misfit in Spanish club Barcelona, where he has even been left out of the first team squad, scored the only goal after 19 minutes of a passionate, and often physical clash here in front of a 20,000 crowd on Wednesday.

Jack Charlton's dream of leading the Republic of Ireland to the finals of a major championship for the first time in their history faded further away when they could only beat Luxembourg in Dublin 2-1 in group seven.

Scotland bounced back after conceding an early goal to host Norway 2-1 in a group three qualifying match. But the result will have no impact on the outcome of the group, in which the Soviet Union, although held to a draw by France in Moscow, are almost certain of a place in next year's finals. The Nordic neighbours occupy the bottom two places.

Scotland beat Hungary 2-0 (halftime 1-0) in a soccer friendly, Ally McCoist scoring both goals. West Germany beat England 3-1 in another friendly.

## CRICKET

LOD - One of the most remarkable bowling feats in the history of Israeli cricket was achieved by J. Joseph of Ashdod A, who took 8 wickets for 31 to send three disconsolate Lod B batsmen in a steady procession back to the pavilion. Lod could only total 73, a score that Ashdod A passed without any difficulty, losing only two wickets in the process. G. Wasker made 41.

In other games Modern Ashdod and the Hebrew University also had comfortable eight wicket wins.  
 Dikona 161 (Y. Shalom 35, B. Krupper 4 for 26; Modern Ashdod 166 for 2 (A.Ra) 66; Modern won by eight wickets.  
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DEVALUATION is in the air again. Decision-makers will have to make up their minds when and by how much to devalue the shekel, and what steps should accompany the devaluation. But they also have to decide whether they have the power to reduce the inflation rate to European levels, 3 to 5 per cent, or if inflation must stay at its present rate of 15 to 20 per cent a year for the foreseeable future.

These issues will be raised immediately after the holidays. Meanwhile, the men at the helm like everyone else, have been enjoying the long summer of economic prosperity and price stability. Gross wages are now even higher than they were at the peak of the Andorra era, not to mention that the tax burden has been cut, pushing net wages even higher.

But while almost everybody has been having a bull, exporters, especially those selling to the American market, are going through difficult times. With the drop in the value of the dollar, their profits have fallen to critically low levels. This will force the government to deal with this issue very soon.

In addition to exporters' low profitability, there are other factors pushing the government into devaluing the shekel. Real wages have gone up by 33 per cent in the last 20 months, 12 per cent higher than in June 1985, on the eve of the economic stabilization programme.

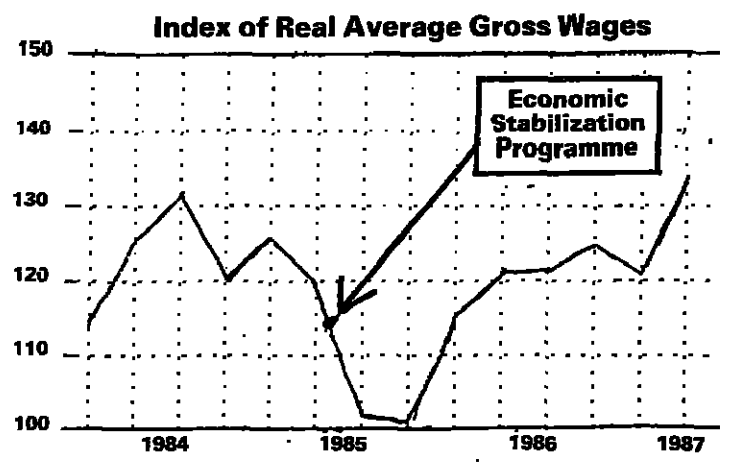
Thus, not only are exporters facing higher costs, but those exporting to the dollar bloc are getting less money. Their profits have been seriously eroded.

Standards of living are expected to rise by 5 per cent this year, following last year's record surge of 12 per cent. This can be explained by the 40 per cent increase in net wages since December 1985. But this sizeable increase in demand did not create unbearable inflationary pressure, since it was channelled into imports.

Thus, while Finance Minister Moshe Nissim thinks January's 10 per cent devaluation of the shekel was successful, it only bought time for the government. The effects of

## Election fears limit Nissim's freedom to act

Fears of an early election have kept politicians from taking such unpopular steps as a devaluation, write Shlomo Maoz and Avi Temkin



the devaluation have been eroded by inflation. In other words, the troubles that affected the economy in January, low export profitability and high wages, are back again.

ON TOP of everything, the government is running out of time. Soon election bells will be ringing in every politician's ears, and by then it will be too late for an unpopular step like a devaluation. Therefore, due to the possibility of early elections, the devaluation cannot be implemented later than January, after firms close their balance sheets for the current tax year.

Maybe that is the reason why Nissim does not believe that it will be

possible to reduce inflation much below 20 per cent. He, as a politician, knows the limits of his freedom to maneuver. He believes in coexistence with the labour federation and thus, the last devaluation was fully coordinated with Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar. The finance minister knows Kessar must have wage increases, and Kessar knows that Nissim needs a devaluation.

The Bank of Israel does not like such a prospect. In several meetings with Nissim, the bank heads, including Governor Michael Bruno, have tried to convince the finance minister about the pressing need to squeeze inflation down to a single digit figure.

Bank officials fear that if inflation stays at the same level for two or three years, it will be impossible to prevent the return of higher levels of inflation, as happened after the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

The central bank is trying to ignore the political situation. Not even Nissim is going to risk his neck in making the changes that Michael Bruno advises. What can be done during the next several months is to try to maintain the present course and avoid large blunders. But reducing the inflation rate is beyond Nissim's power and he knows it.

To continue at the present levels of prosperity and at a 20 per cent rate of inflation is quite within the reach of the finance minister. The world market is expanding, including the market for tourism. There is reduced pressure on the state budget since the cabinet decision to terminate the Lavi fighter project. This decision not only saved money, but also served as a symbol of the Treasury's determination that under no circumstances will the budget or the deficit be enlarged.

This will help keep things from getting worse. To further reduce inflation, it will be necessary to reach a national consensus on incomes policy, determining the level of wages and profits for the coming years. But such an agreement can only be reached by the next government, assuming voters give it enough power.

Nissim's agenda for the coming months includes broadening the tax reform and implementing his privatization plans. He believes that by abolishing tax exemptions for groups with deep-rooted, vested interests, and selling shares in government corporations, he will give economic growth a major boost. This, he thinks, could help in the medium and long-run fight against inflation, by enlarging the supply of goods and services in the market.

The "heroics" involved in the Bank of Israel's ideas are definitely not part of Nissim's plans. They are both painful and dangerous, and can be safely put on hold until after 1988.

## The wage negotiations impasse

# Disunity in the unions

Jeff Black

THE Histadrut leadership's tried and trusted method of holding mammoth, all-night negotiations has reached the end of the road. Instead of attempting to wear down its opponents in a smoke-filled room, it is now high time that the labour federation finally established a rational method of conducting negotiations.

Last Sunday, the Treasury and Histadrut met at 10 a.m. to begin what was then described as non-stop, marathon negotiations. As the clock ticked away and the stars began to appear, some union leaders were still confident that an agreement would be reached before the time for morning prayers.

This was not to be. Indeed as time wore on, it became apparent that the obstacles to an agreement lay within the trade union movement itself. By the early afternoon, the unions and the Treasury had agreed to cut over a number of years, weekly work hours to 40.

And then came the arguments over a wage increase. The on-again-off-again talks with the Treasury over a public sector wage agreement have so far lasted for around five months. Throughout this time, it has been no secret that while the unions which represent in the main low-paid workers want a wage increase in shekels, the professional unions - the academics and engineers - want this increase to be paid in percentage terms.

Histadrut trade union department head Haim Haberfeld entered the so-called non-stop negotiations this week knowing this division still existed. But trusting to the technique of wearing down his opponents, both inside the union movement and out, he felt he could succeed in pulling the rabbit out of the hat before his trip to the U.S. which was scheduled to begin today.

When it became apparent that the rabbit was intractably stuck, the unions called a time out. For over a

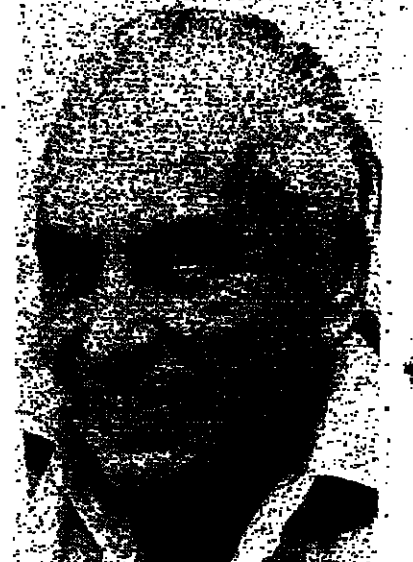
day they held what were termed internal consultations which could be heard loud and clear by anyone standing outside the back entrance to Va'ad Hapoel, the Histadrut headquarters in Tel Aviv.

Unable to work out a formula to paper over this division, the unions decided to revert to the offensive. They went back to the negotiating table and laid down an ultimatum to the Treasury: the move to a 40-hour work week must include a transition to a five-day week and union members working in government industrial corporations such as Defence Ministry factories must also be included in the agreement. If the Finance Ministry agrees, said union leaders, then we will manage one way or another to divide up a wage increase.

This the Treasury, under transatlantic instructions from Finance Minister Moshe Nissim, failed to buy, of the extent of suddenly offering more money if the unions agreed to drop their demands regarding a five-day, 40-hour week.

SO NOW, five months down the road, both sides are back to square one. At the beginning of the campaign, union leaders never failed to remind reporters that grassroots pressure was growing and if an agreement was not reached in the near future, all hell would break loose. This week, the tone has been more muted. As one senior union leader put it, the talks have gone on so long that the workers have almost forgotten what is being discussed. In such a situation, he said, it is almost impossible to mobilize the "troops."

Haberfeld himself is also in an unenviable position at present. For the duration of the campaign, he has been spearheading the attack, rais-



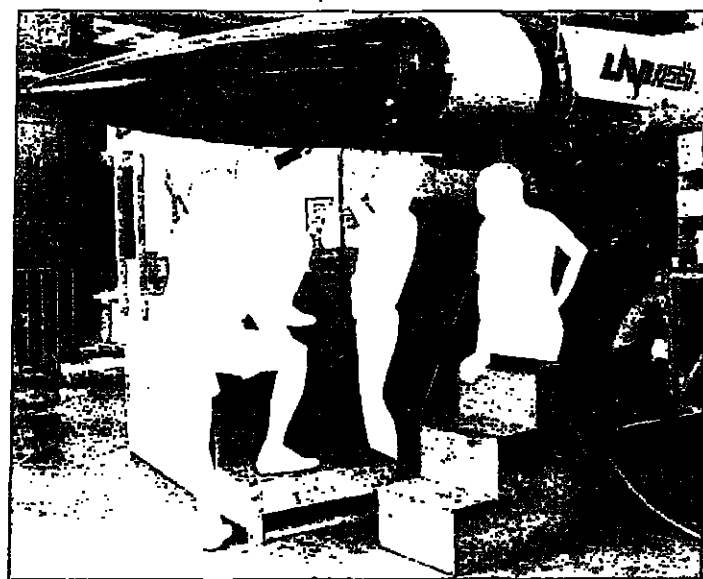
Haim Haberfeld: in an unenviable position. (Ad. Sandhouse)

ing and lowering the tempo at will. Now he faces the embarrassing predicament of whether to call in Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar to settle the differences between the squabbling unions with the resultant loss of status such a move would bring.

All this could have been avoided had the unions got their house in order before the talks began. As soon as the public sector unions decided to negotiate a collective agreement with the Treasury, they should have ironed out their internal differences before sitting down with the Treasury or decided in favour of each union going it alone with their individual employers.

Nothing has been achieved so far by entering into serious negotiations without a common position. While the officials involved may enjoy the drama of late-night sittings under the media's spotlight, the workers they represent are going about their daily work for the fifth month without a labour agreement.

## C'est la vie



"Welcome to the staff, Mark. Coffee? As an engineer working on the Lavi, you - ah, Berger, this is Mark Margolin, the new guy, started this morning - I was saying, you will play an important part in the security of this nation. Schwartz! Hey, Schwartz, meet Margolin, the new engineer who left America to join us on the Lavi."

"I know you've been waiting since February to start work, Mark, but ... better late than never, right? Heck, you'll be working on this baby for ten or twenty years, so what's a few weeks? G'morning Shmueloff, have a nice weekend? Margolin here is new on the grindstone. Bathrooms down the hall to the left, staff caf on the third floor. Try the fish. Yes, the Lavi is an ambitious project, a bright future, and - the newspapers? Never read 'em, and anyway, they got it all wrong. Hey, Doobie, y'hear that? The Lavi and the dodo bird, the papers say. Look, Mark, you're only here a couple of hours, it took eight months for the ink to dry on your contract, we brought you all the way over here from America - meeting tomorrow, Cohen, at ten, my office - with such an investment we expect you to be around for more than just a cup of coffee. Er, hold on a sec - line two? Yes, boss. Uh-huh. Right. I see. Pity. Well, nice meeting you sir. G'bye. Ahem. Mark...? Finish your coffee..."

(Mark Margolin's first day on the job was the last day of the job. His career didn't last through to lunch. The Lavi project was cancelled that morning, and he never even got to try the fish).

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## Space-age agriculture has arrived

Satellite pictures, or images as they are usually called, can be of great use for farmers. They can monitor crop-water requirements and diseases as well as predict the size of future harvests. Peter Collier reports on Israel's entry to satellite-aided farming.

SPACE TECHNOLOGY is coming to the aid of Israel's agriculture in the form of pictures taken by American and French satellites. While the work being carried out here with these pictures is still in its very early stages, experience in other countries indicates that it could be of great benefit to us.

The use of satellite pictures, or images as they are usually called, may be new to Israel's agriculturalists but our meteorologists have been using them for years. The images used by meteorologists are taken from so-called geo-stationary satellites far out in space, or from nearer orbital satellites such as the NOAA (National Oceanographic and Aeronautic Administration) series launched by the U.S. These satellites, while highly suited to studying the weather, do not provide pictures of sufficient detail or resolution for agricultural use in Israel.

In 1972, the U.S. launched the first of a series of satellites designed specifically for looking at the earth's surface rather than its atmosphere. These satellites, called Landsats, were used by the U.S. to monitor such things as grain production in the Soviet Union as well as in the U.S.

So successful were these efforts that it was found that the U.S. yield could be predicted in advance of harvest to an accuracy of 95 per cent, 95 per cent of the time. The U.S. was also able to predict Soviet yield to an accuracy of 80 per cent, 80 per cent

of the time, which is rather better than the USSR's own estimates.

Such work does, of course, pose problems. Accurate estimates of grain production have a clear strategic and commercial value, so much so that the figures are classified until after harvest, for fear of wreaking havoc on the futures markets.

The early Landsats, while well suited to studies of large-scale grain production, still lacked sufficient detail to be of real value in a country such as Israel, which has much smaller fields. This all changed in the 1980s, with the launch of a second generation of Landsats which provide much more detailed images and the launch last year of a French satellite called SPOT, which has an even better camera system.

For the first time, satellite images are available which are suitable for use in Israeli agriculture. The Ministry of Agriculture's own specialist

unit, with wide experience in dealing with aerial photographs, is already at work evaluating the pictures. Other arms of the government are also taking an interest in these new images, among them the Survey of Israel, which is interested in the possibility of using SPOT imagery to update its 100,000-scale maps.

In what ways will the use of satellite imagery help agriculture?

In order to answer this, it has to be realized that pictures taken from aircraft are routinely used in monitoring Israel's agriculture. These pictures, usually colour infra-red photographs, are used by cotton-growers to check the efficiency of their irrigation, to determine the best time to defoliate the cotton in order to maximize yield, and to check for problems such as disease or soil salinity. The satellite images will do much the same kind of thing, but more cheaply and, if possible, better.

Once it becomes operational, it should become cheaper, since each Landsat image covers an area of 180 km.sq. while each SPOT image covers an area of only about 60 km.sq. This means that most of Israel's growing land is covered by only a few pictures, rather than the hundreds of photographs that would be needed to cover the same area. In fact, the whole of Israel fits on just three Landsat images.

The imagery arrives in the form of either a photographic product, usually called a hard copy, or a computer tape with all the data stored in digital form.

Interpretation of the hard copy is very similar to the interpretation of aerial photographs and is labour-intensive, requiring skilled interpreters.

The digital data, however, is in a form that can be readily processed by computer. Specially-designed "image processors" are available,

and it is planned to use one soon in the Ministry of Agriculture's unit in Yafu. This will be far quicker than the present human interpretation and can remove some of the subjectivity.

Among the uses of the satellite imagery being actively considered are inventories of all agricultural land use and crop types, monitoring crop-water requirements and diseases and checking rangeland. A cooperative study with Portsmouth Polytechnic in the U.K. is attempting to use the satellite in areas such as the Jezreel Valley to map land where there are believed to be problems of salinity. A further study with the same institution is examining the problems involved in carrying out inventories of cotton-growing.

If the experience of other countries can be relied on, many other new users will find that satellite images can help in such diverse areas as monitoring wildlife habitats, mineral exploration and exploitation, combating water and air pollution, and assessing the damage caused by forest fires.

In order to coordinate the activities of existing and new users of satellite data Avraham Tal of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Technological Analysis and Forecasting in Tel Aviv University publishes a news letter. He is also the Israel agent for the supply of both Landsat and SPOT data.

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The financial markets have been tossed hither and thither over the past week by interest rates, both actual movements and fears of what might happen.

The bullaball was triggered by the sudden rise in rates on "jumbo" deposits that began last week. This, it now transpires, was itself the result of Bank Hapoalim's determination to raise lots of short-term money very quickly. That factor has now proven transient, and the level of jumbo rates looks like subsiding from the 18-20 per cent level it surged to earlier this week.

But will it go all the way back to 13-14 per cent? This could be classified as less likely, because the structure of interest rates that existed until one week ago, in which small deposits got 12 per cent per annum, rising to a top rate of 14-15, was beginning to look threadbare.

One expert in this sector of the market told this reporter that, to his mind, there was something wrong with a situation in which unlinked credit granted by the banks keeps growing remorselessly, while unlinked deposits are shrinking, or at best standing still.

The conclusion this analysis wants to get to is that deposit rates are too low and must be raised in order to attract more funds. By extension, although less explicitly, it says that borrowing rates are too low and should be raised to reduce the attraction in borrowing.

It looks like the Bank of Israel doesn't buy that approach. While it has indeed raised the return on Treasury bills somewhat, it has no intention whatsoever of engineering a rise in borrowing rates. By the same token, the fact that the central bank quickly stepped into the market to buy bank shares when their prices started to slide, shows that it doesn't want interest rates to rise by much. Bank shares, with their dollar linkage assurance, are regarded as a good substitute for short-term shekel deposits.

The commercial banks obtain little satisfaction from this attitude—no put it mildly. They want to slow the process underway in the economy in which the margins between deposit and borrowing rates are narrowing, while what the Bank of Israel is working for exactly the opposite.

This week's gyrations have provided evidence for an important conclusion which has ramifications regarding many aspects of policy. It is that moving deposit interest rates up and down is a very effective way of "polishing" monetary flows.

Thus, if the public proves to be dissatisfied with rates of 12-13 per cent, and begins voting with its money by moving funds to other forms of investment, this process can be reversed by raising those rates, with the degree of rise subject to close control.

The corollary of this is that if the markets are hit by rumours of an impending devaluation—a periodic occurrence in Israel—the Bank of Israel can tackle the outflow of funds problem by allowing Treasury bill and other short-term rates to rise as a counter-balance to the urge to seek protection in foreign currency.

Of course, if there is really going to be a devaluation, the Bank would have to go through the motions of raising interest rates anyway, but that is an unavoidable by-product of this system. After the devaluation, funds would anyway flow back into shekels and the market equilibrium could be restored.

The Bank of Israel has periodically announced that it is placing greater reliance on open-market operations as a tool of monetary policy. This, it admits, requires greater sophistication, and the tactical maneuvering outlined above is an example of what that sophistication means.

But the central bank, and particularly the monetary department under its new head, David Klein, will have to be more assertive and more imaginative if its new strategy of the indirect approach is to succeed.

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U.S. dollar gains  
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LONDON (Reuters). — The dollar edged higher yesterday as traders saw in the latest Japanese trade figures hope that the U.S. trade deficit to be reported today may not be as large as they feared.

The U.S. currency's gains, breaching 1.80 Deutschmarks and 142 yen for the first time in a week, boosted Wall Street shares and U.S. bond prices, and helped buoy most European stock markets as well. But Tokyo shares slumped again.

And in most markets, few were willing to either buy or sell much until they knew just how big the U.S. trade deficit for July actually was.

"No one's going to stick their neck out ahead of the figures," said one international bond dealer in London. "It's just too risky."

The dollar gained nearly one penny and one yen to close yesterday.

The dollar's gains were seen as a sign that the U.S. trade deficit did not start coming down, the dollar would have to slide even more, pricing European and Japanese goods out of world markets.

Not all investors are convinced that trade imbalances are easing enough to take pressure off the dollar — in London, the price of gold, a haven for investors when the dollar is weak, was fixed \$1.85 an ounce higher at \$460.20.

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## Home prices to stabilize

By KEN SCHACHTER  
For The Jerusalem Post  
Real estate prices will stabilize in the coming 12 months, though there may be an increase before the elections, the Federation of Real Estate Appraisers said yesterday.

Yitzhak Berman, a member of the federation's executive committee, said that in dollar terms, luxury apartments may show a moderate rise, while prices of less expensive flats will hold steady. The overall effect, he said, would be to cancel each other out and keep prices on an even keel.

Speaking at a press conference in the Dan Hotel, Berman said that since the bank shares crash of 1983, there had been a steady slide in the real value of property that only ended at the end of last year, when prices started pushing upwards. The slide in real estate prices was particularly evident after the shekel/dollar exchange rate was effectively frozen

after the implementation of the economic stabilization programme in July 1985, he said.

The increase over the last nine months had simply brought inflation-adjusted prices back to the levels of 1983 or 1984, he said.

Berman also touched on the threat posed to appraisers by a group of dissidents who seek to change licensing standards set by the Ministry of Justice. Appraisers now on the job had to pass five preliminary exams, participate in on-the-job training for two years and take three final exams before being licensed.

Berman claimed that the dissidents had failed to pass the rigorous examinations and were trying to elbow their way into the field by other methods. He said they were trying to use political influence, thus far to no avail, to alter the field's professional standing.

## Flat sales up in quarter

By AVI TEMKIN  
Post Economic Reporter  
Sales of new flats for the second quarter of the year rose 8 per cent from the previous three months, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. The sales of new flats had registered a 10 per cent increase in the January-March period from the last quarter of 1986, the bureau added.

The figures showed the increase in the sales of flats was accompanied by

a decline in the number of new flats that were put on sale, so the net stock of unsold new flats went down.

The number of flats sold in the second quarter of the year totalled 1,960, compared with 1,820 flats in the previous three months. The bureau indicated the increase in sales covered all type of flats, except those with five or more rooms, of which fewer were sold in the April-June period than in the previous three months.

Shiff sale  
is delayed

By GREER FAY CASEMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Gardens Hotel, one of several holdings belonging to the financially beleaguered hotelier Haim Shiff, eluded potential buyers for a second time yesterday, after the judge overseeing the sale said it could not go through until the building had been properly assessed.

Investors interested in purchasing the 260-room premises on Jerusalem's Sderot Herzl, had been led to believe that they could register their bids at a public auction at the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday. But Judge Elyahu Zaft said he would not approve any sale until he had fully studied the matter, which he indicated he could do by this morning.

It wasn't clear, however, whether he would actually decide on the half-finished hotel's fate today.

At the outset of yesterday's hearing, Yosef Segev asked the court to approve an earlier bid for the hotel made by his clients, the owners of the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Jerusalem, noting that his clients had already signed an agreement to acquire the property with Yigael Arnon, the officer of the court who had been appointed receiver for Shiff's properties.

Shiff's lawyer Ran Caspi responded that Arnon had not followed through on an earlier court ruling that stipulated that tenders be called for the sale of the hotel and that the sale price should be not less than \$6 million. Arnon had been sufficiently unhappy about the agreement Caspi pointed out, to leave the final approval for its implementation to the court.

Indeed, yesterday's packed courtroom, which included more than a dozen lawyers representing various interested parties from Israel and abroad, seemed to bear out Shiff's claim that other groups were interested in acquiring the Jerusalem Gardens.

Israel Chemical profit halved

Post Economic Staff  
Citing a depressed market for fertilizers, Israel Chemicals Ltd. yesterday reported a sharp drop in profit for the year ended last March.

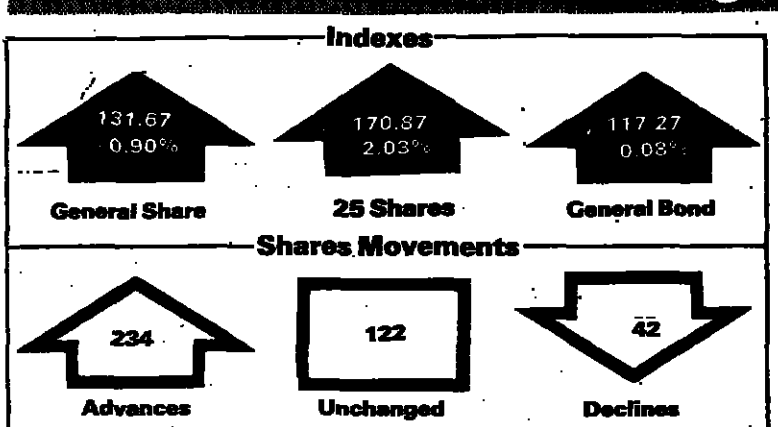
The state-owned chemical maker said profit was just half of the 1985/86 level, at \$27 million. Sales managed to edge up 6 per cent to \$920m., with export sales lagging behind, up 5 per cent to \$404m. The company noted that measured in quantity, instead of value, exports were up a stronger 10 per cent.

The company said it paid out to the government \$7m. in royalties and \$4m. in dividends for the year.

In addition to the downturn in the fertilizer market, the company was further hurt by the relatively stable shekel/dollar exchange rate, combined with the decline of the dollar in relation to other major world currencies.

Israel Chemicals said it saw prospects for a turnaround in the depressed worldwide market for fertilizers until the end of the year that has seen a slackening of demand and prices.

## Tel Aviv Stock Exchange



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Bank Mizrahi	18218	54	+1.1
Bank Discount	8380	3073	+2.2
<b>Insurance</b>			
Avnet 0.1	100748	541	+0.0
Prisma 0.1	78170	32	+0.1
Union 0.1	128780	145	+0.1
Discount	41810	182	+0.3
Mizrahi	39738	32	+0.5
Hapoalim	174450	35	+0.1
General A	43889	541	+0.3
Leumi 100.0	82770	19	+0.7
<b>Foreign Banks &amp; Finance</b>			
Leumi 0.1	10100	44	+4.1
Bank Hapoalim	2958	838	+3.5
Bank Mizrahi	3850	207	+0.7
Bank Discount	22250	5	+0.7
Bank Leumi	18218	14	+3.2
Bank Hapoalim	24850	84	+4.2
<b>Real Estate</b>			
Avnet 0.1	1170	212	+4.8
Prisma 0.1	782	278	+0.3
Union 0.1	6880	5	+0.1
Discount	2215	85	+1.0
Mizrahi	418	2510	+0.7
Hapoalim	1280	150	+0.1
General A	6130	5	+1.0
<b>Trade &amp; Services</b>			
Intermar 1.0	1086	1520	+8.6
Meir Ezer	1130	1824	+4.5
Cyfa	876	1275	+2.7
Superior	15480	76	+0.1
Lightage 0.1	735	1624	+8.5
Old Storage 1.0	1140	1146	+0.5
Dan Hotels 1.0	1630	519	+0.7
Corall Beach	7800	44	+0.7
Yarden Hotel	2780	187	+0.3
Hilton 1.0	429	18000	+4.9
M.L.L. 1.0	14800	2	+0.1
Yasam 1.0	1140	1146	+0.7
<b>Real Estate, Building and Agriculture</b>			
Avnet 0.1	300	4954	+2.3
Avnet 0.1	60780	238	+2.0
Avnet 0.1	3170	875	+2.0
Avnet 0.1	678	22	+1.0
Avnet 0.1	229	4220	+3.5
Avnet 0.1	5400	1261	+0.1
Avnet 0.1	2290	32	+0.8
Avnet 0.1	363	6000	+0.9
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Tempo 1.0	38500	33	+0.1

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Hebrew	302	20200	+0.50
Clal Trading	480	17800	+1.75
Supercor B	11758	1400	+0.75
Delta	322	2820	+0.50
Africa Int. 1.0	48915	200	+1.25
Acorn	1328	18250	+1.75
Pross. & Building	3918	1200	+0.50
ILDC	75551	220	+0.75
Clal R Estate	18141	200	+0.75
Elbit	1138	3150	+0.25
Polig B	4632	1700	+2.75
Is. Can. Co. 0.1	36028	8	+0.50
Elron	13794	3420	+1.75
David	2578	3015	+1.75
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	10,001-50,000	12.00	12.50	13.50	14.00
	50,001-100,000	12.00	12.75	13.75	14.75
	100,001-500,000	12.00	13.00	14.00	15.00
Hapoalim (Sept. 7)	Up to 359	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.75
	1,000-9,999	11.00	11.00	11.50	12.50
	10,000-49,999	11.50	12.25	12.50	13.00
	50,000+	12.00	12.00	12.50	13.50
	50,999	6.00	6.00	8.00	
Discount (Sept. 6)	1,000-9,999	11.00	10.50	12.00	12.00
	10,000-49,999	11.50	11.50	13.00	13.00
	50,000-99,999	12.00	11.50	13.00	13.50
	100,000+	9.00+	6.00	7.00	7.00
	49,999	10.00+	9.50	9.50	11.00
Mizrahi (Aug. 24)	1,000-5,000	10.50	11.00	11.00	12.00
	5,001-10,000	10.50	11.50	11.50	12.50
	10,001-50,000	11.50	12.50	12.50	13.00
	50,000	12.50	12.50	13.00	13.00
	50,999	8.00	8.00		
First Int'l (Aug. 10)	1,000-999	11.00	9.50	10.20	10.40
	1,000-9,999	11.00	12.00	12.00	11.50
	10,000-49,999	11.50	12.00	12.00	12.00
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## About time

SUMMER TIME, people will say when it expires at midnight tomorrow, and the livin' was easy. Or words to that effect. Meaning not that this summer was particularly easy to live through, what with everyone having to make up his mind about scrapping the Lavi and keeping Jerusalem cinemas open Friday night, but that it made the hot season a trifle easier to survive.

People will say so because, if there is anything like an overwhelming consensus in this country, it is about summer time. Some three quarters of the population are for summer time, because it saves the sun's bounty for eventide hours rather than waste it on early morning. A tiny group of devout Jews complain that it disturbs their prayer routines. But the vast majority of orthodox Jews join the rest of the citizenry in favouring it.

Why it should have become a religious issue is a mystery, unless it is granted that anything is apt to become a religious issue at the hands of an interior affairs minister eager to show his clout.

To such a minister, the people's convenience is secondary, and the saving in energy costs - \$6.2 million this past summer, according to the energy minister, Moshe Shahal - a mere pretence. A slight, and still debatable, rise in road-accident fatalities is cited as proof that summer time kills people, while no account is taken of the decline in non-fatal accidents under summer time.

Enough. Let this endlessly boring argument be ended, and let summer time be taken out of politics. When the Knesset meets in session again it should pass a law making summer time - better called daylight saving time - a regular annual affair not requiring promulgation by any minister, or even the cabinet as a whole. There is little fear that, if parliament heeds the voice of the people, it will fail to do so, and with alacrity.

Ideally, as is the case in most civilized countries, daylight saving time should last not four but six months, stretching from late March till early October. Also, during July and August, as Mr. Shahal has suggested, the clock should be advanced a full two hours. But even if it is the pattern established this summer that is put into law, it will be an enormous relief.

## Beyond the Lavi

IN THE continuing debate and demonstrations over the Lavi, the voices of rational military strategy have not always reached the public ear.

One such voice, heard this week, certainly deserves careful consideration by all those who still believe that Israel should devote whatever resources are necessary to produce the Lavi. That was the voice of Aharon Yariv, the former chief of army intelligence who heads Tel Aviv University's Jaffe Centre for Strategic Studies.

Presenting the centre's annual report on the military balance in the Middle East, a weighty tome whose authority is unquestioned, Mr. Yariv put the decision to sacrifice the Lavi in its correct military perspective. He pointed to the enormous growth in the size, weaponry and fire power of the Arab armies.

In tanks alone, Israel is outnumbered by close to two to one in comparison only to Egypt, Syria and Jordan. In aircraft the deficit is even greater.

At the same time Israel's defence forces have reached their limit of growth. What is left now is for wise consideration of military doctrine, choice of weapons systems and the training that goes with them, in order to maintain the edge in military efficiency.

Mr. Yariv observed that the Lavi decision, by freeing resources for weapons systems which the IDF needs more and which are designed to maintain this edge, was the correct and wise decision in the circumstance.

He made a second point which has also not received the attention it deserves, namely that Arab military growth is presently balanced by difficulties in the Arab world which prevent this armed power from being focused against Israel.

Those difficulties include the Iraq-Iran war, the decline in oil revenues, and the dissension between the Arab states. This together with the peace agreement with Egypt opens new opportunities for Israel to pursue the window on peace.

Now is certainly the time for Israel to engage in energetic diplomatic effort. But the country prefers to be absorbed by its domestic entertainments such as the Lavi, religious strife and the endless bickering between the parties. Willy nilly, the national unity government has become an instrument which cements itself in the political status quo. It is able to make difficult decisions only when its procrastination has brought an issue to crisis proportions. A peace opportunity, unfortunately, is never a crisis.

## POSTSCRIPTS

**P.S.** A CHINESE schoolgirl drowned in a lake recently as a crowd of people stood by, some haggling over how much money it was worth to rescue her, an official newspaper reported.

The People's Daily said the death of 14-year-old Zhang Yinqian had raised a furore in Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province.

Zhang was swimming just three to four metres from the bank when she

got into trouble, the daily said. A friend saw her go under and tried to help. She failed and raised the alarm by shouting to 40 or 50 people nearby.

"Who will give me money if I save her?" one replied.

"Even 200 or 300 yuan (\$55 to \$80) would be no good," said another.

"There are too many Chinese, you should let her die," said a third.

Finally one young man did attempt to save Zhang, but he was too late. Her body was recovered hours later and only after family and teachers paid someone to haul her out of the lake, and paid somebody else for the use of his bed to carry her.

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# Cabinet as theatre

David Landau

THE DECISION to stop the Lavi, whatever one may think of it, has had the beneficial side-effect of spurring debate on national security decision-making.

There is revived talk of the need for a National Security Council, independent of the defence establishment. Yehuda Ben-Meir, a former deputy foreign minister, has published a timely monograph on the subject. The Jaffe Centre at Tel Aviv University is to hold a day-long symposium this month on "National Security Decisionmaking in Israel."

The State Comptroller and others have focused attention on how the decision to build the Lavi was taken in the first place, and how subsequent decisions - or lack of decisions - enabled the project to grow and grow, far beyond the original conception. And now, in the wake of the protracted and unedifying cabinet drama, the decisionmaking process which ultimately resulted in the abandonment of the Lavi is also coming under academic and journalistic scrutiny.

On the one hand, the process this time seems to have been more solid and systematic: the ministers had before them all the facts and figures, all the arguments and counter-arguments (unless one believes Sharon that Rabin and Shimon were maliciously lying).

On the other hand, they were beset by lobbyists and interest groups, and had to make up their minds on a fateful problem of extreme delicacy and complexity under the gaze of the media, while a raucous, emotional and necessarily ill-informed public debate raged across the country.

Normally such decisions are taken discreetly - and the parliamentary and public debates erupt post factum.

Cabinets are supposed to be executives, not miniature legislatures, most especially when national security decisions are involved. They should reach such decisions after an evolutionary process of staff work

followed by prime ministerial guidance and persuasion. They ought not to hold cliff-hanger votes, and decide weighty matters by a majority of one, while the entire world watches the strange spectacle.

If Prime Minister Shamir had all this in mind when he crudely tongue-lashed the army this week for its role in the lobbying, then he had a point. (By making the point, however, during a demagogic harangue to the Herut Central Committee, he stripped it of its intrinsic validity.)

But Shamir, it may be argued, has only himself to blame. His sublime passivity while all around him battles rage is admittedly an effective form of politics-by-default, which the prime minister has developed into a fine art. But it is close to becoming a kind of abdication, an improper and unconstitutional neglect of the duties and responsibilities of a prime minister. Neither the exigencies of the Unity Coalition nor the restraints of his precarious position within his own party can justify Shamir's steady devaluation of the role of the premier in the Israeli cabinet system.

But blaming Shamir is too easy - and smacks of resentful frustration at his Houdini-like propensity for slipping out of tight spots unscathed. Blaming the objective difficulty of governing by a national unity coalition is also unsatisfactory - when it is remembered, for instance, that the first Begin cabinet also arrived at a crucial national security decision by a majority of one (8:7) - the decision in January 1982 not to go to war in Lebanon.

Is it even conceivable that Prime Minister Thatcher, at roughly the same time, would have asked her cabinet for a peace-or-war decision in the Falklands without knowing the outcome in advance? Would she have allowed such a decision to be determined, in effect, by the opinion of any one minister?

Would Ben-Gurion, for that matter, or Golda Meir, have left their highest policy-desires to be tossed on

the ebb and flow of cabinet-room rhetoric?

IN ISRAEL, the change - like so many others only belatedly understood - was wrought by Begin. Sources close to him recall how he vigorously spurned any idea of a "kitchen cabinet," of "cooking" decisions in advance, and serving them up ready-to-vote to the cabinet. He maintained this was undemocratic.

He rebuffed the drama and suspense of a full-fledged debate in the cabinet room, confident in the power of his passion and rhetoric to win the day (which, these sources note, they actually always did). Yet the pre-cabinet mini-cabinet procedure, perfected by Golda Meir and faithfully adhered to by Yitzhak Rabin, is arguably vital for cabinet government. Without it, the elements of unpredictability and arbitrariness inherent in politics can supervene to a dangerously uncontrollable degree.

Ben-Meir notes that Golda's "kitchen cabinet" was no mere coffee-kitchen. A stenographer was always present, and the discussion and decisions were only duly recorded and filed. Under Rabin, he points out, the warring senior ministers were able to set aside their mutual antipathies and hold regular and systematic pre-cabinet deliberations. Simcha Dinitz, then ambassador to Washington, says he often received cables to the effect that this or that matter would not be brought to the cabinet because Rabin, Peres and Allon had failed to reach an agreed position.

Begin swept all that aside. Yet at the same time Begin, like Ben-Gurion before him, indeed like all powerful prime ministers in cabinet-style systems, arrogated to himself the right to circumvent the cabinet entirely on key issues, and present the ministers with faits accomplis. The opening to Egypt was the obvious case in point.

Ben-Meir, a professor of psychology, trenchantly depicts Begin's two-track, seemingly inconsistent attitude. "Begin was committed to cabinet government," he writes. "He considered the Ministerial Defence Committee as Israel's national security council - the authoritative forum for national security decision-making. Indeed he brought before it topics and issues more sensitive than any considered by it during previous governments. [One such issue was whether to bomb the Iraqi nuclear reactor - D.L.] Still, the key decisions were not formulated in the Ministerial Defence Committee or in any other forum.... The true locus of national security in the period was the mind, personality and psyche of one man - Menachem Begin."

The inconsistency is apparent, not real. Begin's boundless confidence in his rhetorical powers, his thrill at a

set-piece speech-making occasion, his towering stature in his movement, his unique blend of respect and contempt for his ministerial colleagues - all these enabled him, either to withhold issues from the cabinet or to submit them without prior preparation. Either way, he felt, he would have his way.

BEN-MEIR and other scholars fault Begin for his spurning of staff work and his tendency to adopt his positions instinctively.

They argue that lack of adequate staff work for national security decisionmaking was always a weakness in Israel, that it was exacerbated under Begin and has been perpetuated after his resignation.

Without minimizing that problem, it should not be allowed to overshadow the weakness introduced by Begin into the final, formal stage of decisionmaking, the cabinet vote.

Under Begin the cabinet too often became a debating society, where hearts and minds are swayed by the speakers. Since he, in his heyday at least, was the most powerful speaker, in every sense, the unpredictability factor was minimal - for him at any rate. He knew, or confidently assumed, what the outcome would be.

Without a Begin, however, there must be a constant, patient, unexciting process of pre-cabinet personal political preparation before major national decisions. The cabinet system verily implies this.

The alternative is deterioration to the kind of irresponsible melodrama that determined the fate of the Lavi.

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## READERS' LETTERS

### MAKE WAY FOR NEW FACES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Kol Hakavod to Yosef Goell. His article, "The Lavi and the national morale" (August 31) tells it as it is.

The game of musical chairs that we call "elections" just moves the same faces to different seats for another term. The lack of fresh blood and a new perspective has kept all our problems unchanged.

When is the old guard going to stop dying in office and stand aside and let those with fresh and perhaps different ideas try their hand at running the country.

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### THE NOBEL PRIZE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Bravo to your leader of September 3 "Making nobel ignoble." The mere acceptance by the Noble Prize Committee of the candidature of men like Kurt Waldheim and Mordechai Vanunu for Nobel awards, even if they are not finally approved, brings that once prestigious award into disrepute.

The Nobel awards have long since lost much of their prestige or, as your leader so aptly put it, tended to become ignoble. Irving Wallace in

his expose The prize published in 1963, wrote most disparagingly of the basis of selection of the award winners and their often relatively modest standing in the field in which they were honoured.

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